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OLYMPIC PARK SUNDAY

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GREEN GULLY SUNDAY

Juventus v Doveton at
1 pm.

Albion Rovers v Ajax,
second game.

Green Gully Ajax has added the 1982 State League Cup to the amazing haul of trophies it has won in Victorian soccer in the past two years.

Ajax easily accounted for Morwell Falcons in Sunday's final and now has won two league titles and the Ampol, Dockerty and State League Cups in two seasons, with the promise of even more trophies to come.

All-conquering Ajax starts its quest for a second successive Dockerty Cup triumph on Sunday when it squares up to Albion Rovers in a quarter-final clash at Green Gully Reserve.

Everything points to Ajax advancing into the semi-finals. No doubt Albion will throw down the gauntlet to Ajax from the outset, trying to throw the champs out of their stride but in Peter Lewis, Stuart Cannell and Gus Macleod Ajax has the physical strength to meet Albion's challenge head-on.

Croydon and Doveton can upset the odds and emerge from Sunday's quarter-final battles with semi-final berths to their credit. In the remaining quarter-final, Croatia looks far too strong for Frankston City.



The quarter-finals are played as double-headers with the opening games at both venues, Olympic Park and Green Gully Reserve, kicking off at 1 pm.

Olympic Park's opening clash sees Croydon against Falcons. Falcons performed miserably in Sunday's State League Cup finals and could bow out of the Dockerty Cup here.

Croydon finished the State League season with a bang, scoring 12 goals in its last two games and conceding none.

With the Loughnane brothers, Peter and Ian, back in form, Croydon coach Bill McArthur is extremely confident.

There will be no better midfielder on display than talented Croydon youngster Paul Wade. His ability to get into scoring situations is one of Croydon's strengths.

No doubt former Soccerroo captain Jimmy Rooney will revel in his return to Olympic Park, scene of some of his more outstanding individual performances.

Victorious Ajax, from left, standing: Dieter Witkowski (committeel), John Berg (massour), Guy Spiteri (President), two supporters, Mario Berg (leaning forward, team manager), Gus Macleod, Bobby McLachlan (coach), John Gardiner (assistant coach), Stuart Cannell, Peter Boyle, Kit Graechar, Peter Lewis, Alan Bennett, Paul Azopardi (committeel). Front: Eddie Gauci, Steve McKenna, Dave Hogben, Paul Lewis, Willie Vassallo, Peter Dickson. Photo by LES SHORROCK.

Just about every time we've tipped Falcons to go under, the Latrobe Valley club has won but we're sure that Croydon can overcome the burden of our support and snatch a deserved semi-final berth.

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RALE RASIC



Hellas brings him back home

Australia's 1974 World Cup coach Rale Rasic has won a top job with South Melbourne Hellas. He's coming home to the city where it all started for him, and in an in-depth interview with LAURIE SCHWAB on page 12-13, he talks about memorable games, great players and Sir Arthur George ...

Marton in ST GEORGE a devastating display

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST 3 (Marton 3 incl. pen) SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 1 (Kosmina pen), PSJ grand final at Penrith Park, crowd: 6145. Referee: Tony Boskovic 9. Yellow cards: Clarke, Mullen, Watson, Barnes (SC), R. O'Shea, Slater (SG).

Dezidor Marton, the man who finished second in the recent ASPA Player of the Year awards, proved once again just how deadly he can be by hammering all three goals in his teams 3-1 success over the Slickers.

It was success all the way for both Frank Arok and Marton as St George steam-rolled Sydney City Hakoah. Arok was adamant after his team's semi-final win over Wollongong that the Grand Final was "in the bag" and

that this time the Slickers would be beaten.

All those who might have had some doubts as to the outcome of the match were given a glimpse of things to come as early as the 3rd minute following a cross by Robbie Slater and a superb header by Ted Macdougall which almost found the top left hand corner of the Hakoah net.

Robbie O'Shea made a break after 15 minutes to reach the touch line some eight metres from the near post, but with Slater alone and only metres away from the

line, O'Shea slammed his cross into the side netting.

Sydney City replied through some enterprising runs by Joe Watson and star striker John Kosmina. While Watson taunted Rob O'Shea, Kosmina tried hard to find an opening. After 22 minutes Kosmina appeared to be in the clear as he rounded Michael O'Shea on the edge of the box then slammed a right foot drive straight at Greedy.

Seconds later Saints were one up.

A long clearance by the keeper found Macdougall's head, then Marton, on the edge



Dez Marton

of the Hakoah area. One flick by Marton and two Sydney City players were out of contention for the ball, then, as Clarke came out, Marton simply let fly a superb lob shot which sailed over the outstretched arms of Todd Clarke.

Dez Marton almost made it 2-0 after 36 minutes. It was a brilliant move involving Stone and Slater, before Marton raced into the penalty area to slam in an angled drive, but it took a deflection and went past the post for a corner.

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THE XENOPHOBIC GAMES

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Please, please, stop it! I can't stand any more of the Commonwealth Games hysteria, the fanatical nationalism, the outrageous parochialism. These Games have been transformed from an international sports meet into some sort of Nuernberg Rally for kangaroos, koalas, and the Australian way of life.

Why this in a soccer paper? Because what we see being glorified by the popular media are the insidious, downright dangerous forces that work against the sport in Australia.

But before I elaborate, isn't it strange to have an international sports event in which soccer is not included? If lawn bowls deserve to be there (what about snooker?) surely soccer has some sort of claims as well.

Reading the papers and listening to the television and radio commentators, we've had to be alert indeed to find mention of the competitors from overseas. On television I saw a boxing match in which the participants were referred to as "The Papua New Guinea lad" and "The New Zealand Boy." Yet we were shown almost an entire badminton game because the gallant, brilliant, remarkable, outstanding, mercurial, unbelievable, century's-best Australian women were competing for not the gold, not the silver, but the bronze medal!

Some pistol shooting official said his marksmen's victory had made it the greatest day in Australian history.

We live in a multi-cultural society made up of population groups from all over the world, but that fact is not at all acknowledged in the way the Commonwealth Games have been presented to the public. Surely the competitors from England, Scotland, India, Malia, Zimbabwe, Fiji, Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados, Bermuda, Wales, Canada and Northern Ireland winning medals, or at least they've been here to try. But no, they're either not mentioned at all, or squashed into fine print. An Australian gold medal front-page exposure. A Canadian gold is lucky to get in at all.

And soccer in Australia is expected to toe this nationalistic line. In the Games we're sticking it up "The Poms," "the darkies," and "The Yanks" (yes, that's what I've heard — they reckon Canada's part of the U.S.). In soccer we want no part of "the wogs." What's this Hellas, Juventus, Makedonia rubbish? This is Australia, mate.

Hell, I'd rather maintain soccer's present multi-cultural identity than to bow to the forces that screeched fanatical patriotism throughout the Commonwealth Games.

People exist outside these shores. Not everyone wants to be a kangaroo. I've heard it said so often that it is "dangerous" to allow nationalistic soccer clubs to exist. I can agree only if such soccer clubs become as offensively fanatical as Australia did during the past week.

Branko Culina
Branko Culina, back with St Albans after seasons with Blacktown and Sydney Croatia, has won the Victorian Metropolitan League best and fairest player award.

He polled 49 votes, the highest total in the four divisions.

Two teenagers filled two of the top three placings in the Third Division: Mike Petersen who won with 39 votes and Nick van Edmond (ex-Wilhelmina).

Another former PSL player among the top vote-getters is Mike Micevski, who came third in First Division. Micevski played in the PSL with Heidelberg and was also with Marconi.

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METROPOLITAN BEST

Branko Culina is the best in Metro

Enrico Mochi of Batman United won the Provisional League best and fairest award with 29 points.

All votes will appear in next week's issue.

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METROPOLITAN BEST

AND FAIREST — 1. Branko Culina. 2. Michael Petersen.

PROVISIONAL DIVISION ONE: 25 points Jerry Politis (Langwarrin) on a countback from Mitre Kraleviski (Lalor); 24. Andrew Kazi (Hawthorn).

DIVISION TWO: 26 points Simon Topalidis (Mordialloc); 18. Simon Connell (Moe Utd); 15. Charles Rizzo (Regent) and Estafatos Dimitriov (Yarraville).

DIVISION THREE: 21 points John Neales (Uni of Melb); 19. Carlo Salvatore (Dallas); 16. Slobodan Dimitrievski (Altona Utd).

DIVISION FOUR: 29 points Enrico Mochi (Batman); 19. Milan Stojilovic (Nth Sunshin); 17. Wayne Parker (Springvale Utd).

PROVISIONAL BEST AND FAIREST 1. Enrico Mochi. 2. Simon Topalidis. 3. Jerry Politis and Mire Kraleviski.



RALE RASIG

Our cash flies off to the VFL

What a slap in the face to Australian soccer!

Philips Industries ends its association with soccer and, last week announced a million-dollar two-year sponsorship of VFL club Collingwood.

It indicates our administrators didn't know how to hang onto the company.

Philips did a tremendous job for soccer. I suspect therefore that had we had a few capable people, they would not have allowed Philips to slip away.

Meanwhile, we're still waiting anxiously for some word of a new sponsor.

Let's hope we get one soon.

Otherwise, every one of the 16 national league clubs will have to pay an affiliation fee of more than \$40,000 — and none of them can afford it!

I confidently predict that by the end of the year, our national youth team will be better than the one that reached the quarter-finals in 1981.

Just look at some of the players in the squad — Robbie Slater who's been a sensation at St. George although he's only 17, David Lowe of Newcastle who won the national Best under 21 Player award and who scores goals galore, Jim Patikas, the Sydney City midfielder who is already one of the best in the country despite his youth, and Fabio Incantulpo who, together with Patikas, played in last year's world youth titles.

These and the other squad members will benefit enormously from competing in an international tournament in Mexico next month. The tournament will be preceded by a two-week camp.

The world youth championship qualifying games start in Port Moresby in December, and I've no doubt that the young Socceroos will start that series with some very convincing victories.

Why get mad about the truth, Len?

When I picked up my copy of 'Soccer Action' last week I was in the process of reviewing a soccer book, 'A little thing called pride' which is Alec Stock's autobiography.

Stock is a respected figure in British football. He started off his managerial career by making Southern League Yeovil Town, with its notorious sloping pitch, a household word as he steered it into the fifth round of 1948 F.A. Cup.



By LES SHORROCK

He took two teams to Wembley finals too. Queens Park Rangers when they won the League Cup in 1967, and Fulham, which lost the 1975 F.A. Cup to West Ham.

I was thinking about the '75 final when I read Len McKendry's outburst about the Press on 'Soccer Action's' front page last week.

Stock says: "The final was a

big disappointment ... we couldn't have any excuse after the way we played and in the end took our satisfaction from having taken part. The dressing room afterwards was of course nothing like 1967's. But just the same the after-match banquet was a happy occasion ... the club was so delighted at getting to Wembley that it soon forgot the score."

What a contrast to Heidelberg's ignominious departure from the Philips Cup, with angry spectators trying to start a demonstration outside the dressing rooms while the coach and some players slipped quietly out through the back entrance to the ground.

The spectators were no doubt angry because they felt that the negative tactics Heidelberg employed when it was a goal up contributed to the defeat, and they again vented their disappointment by staying away from the League Cup semi-final the following week, when the Wollongong supporters clearly outnumbered them.

After that game, I interviewed for the radio a beleaguered club president, Sam Gouloupoulos, who doggedly insisted that Heidelberg had had a successful season, despite losing two cups. He pointed out, quite rightly, that the Bergers' main objective had been to get established at Heidelberg and to wipe out the debts it had incurred at Olympic Park.

But then he went on to trot out the excuse that had been proffered all season, that shortage of cash meant a shortage of players, which was also McKendry's line when he said that he played against Wollongong with only eight fit players. But what sort of management is it that tries to get through a season with only 12 players?

As it was, Heidelberg pulled off the scoop of the year by picking up Mick Valentine for a mere \$5000 from Box Hill but when I reminded Gouloupoulos of this, in the context that there were more Valentines in the lower reaches of the V.S.F., just waiting to be discovered, he said, "Oh yes, but Valentines don't win championships. They need experienced players around them."

Very true, but nobody has been quicker at discarding experienced players than Heidelberg. As it was picking up Valentine, it was selling Jimmy Rooney to Croydon City for \$3000 and when the unfortunate Don McLeod was being carried off in the Philips Cup final, there was no Bobby Provan to replace him. By then McKendry must have been wishing he had Andy Bozakis sitting on the bench too, instead of the untitled Charlie Bekiaris and Chilean Juan Toro Castillo.

So it isn't the Press's fault that Heidelberg had a thin squad. It was the club's own doing — and why the Press must bear the brunt of McKendry's wrath for saying his team is dull to watch escapes

Let's bring back a bit of freedom

ing the feelings of all those spectators the club is losing, like the fellow who rang Radio 3EA, and said he's rather watch South Melbourne Hellas going forward and making mistakes, then Heidelberg playing backwards.

I can't speak for the whole of the Press, but as for Radio 3EA, where I broadcast along with Jose Montes, we have always found Heidelberg the most unco-operative of all the Melbourne P.S.L. clubs.

If they have a bad result at home the top brass is sulking behind locked doors after the game and never mind radio deadlines.

We always have tried to maintain an even-handed policy at 3EA by interviewing both coaches after the game but McKendry doesn't speak to me any more and now I'm afraid poor Jose is on the outer too. At least that's the impression we've had since McKendry rang him immediately after a recent broadcast, threatening to sue because

Montes had been incautious enough to quote McKendry as saying that if you wanted to be entertained you should go to watch Heidelberg. McKendry admitted he said it all right, but he hadn't expected Montes to be daft enough, or honest enough to say so on air!

McKendry says the Press always talks about entertainment but has never defined it. Well, for me, Watford is entertaining, and I didn't think that Victoria's 4-0 defeat by them was a disgrace, especially in view of Watford's present eminent position in the English First Division.

But then, Graham Taylor, Watford's trackless manager, has been known to mingle with the crowds on the terraces and he knows what entertains them — goals, and plenty of them.

And I don't believe for a minute that the spectators will desert a club if it loses, provided it shows a willingness to go on the attack.

McKendry should know this, because a club from his part of the world, West Ham, still has a devoted following, and no club has had a more chequered career but then, win or lose, the Hammers have style, the Hammers have charisma, and regrettably, the Bergers don't.

But let dear old Alec Stock have his last word.

In a chapter about the problems of the game, he pinpoints two areas. In Britain, he says, football is being ruined because it is run by people who never have kicked a ball and don't understand the game (that sounds very familiar), and there are too many coaches.

"Perhaps it would be better if we threw away the coaching manual for a couple of seasons and allowed players to play with a bit of freedom. We want characters and expression, goals and thrills. There is no substitute," he says.

All I can say is, Amen to that!

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Sydney's dominance may wreck PSL

So the bad old days are back again — NSW is the overbearingly dominant force in Australian soccer. Yes, I did say bad old days despite my dormant NSW patriotism being slightly tickled.

This year every possible title and honor landed in NSW: the PSL championship, the Grand Final the Phillips Cup; this State has provided the country's best player, best young player, coach and referee. What's more, with the exception of young David Lowe of Newcastle, all the other clubs and individuals hail from Sydney.

Is this really good for Australian soccer? Is it healthy for such an imbalance to exist? Well, it's more than doubtful. In fact, this could be one of the reasons why so many interstate clubs have had a wretched financial year, recording all-time lows in gate takings.

Of course, Sydney's premier position in the PSL is largely an acquired status — acquired through a series of transfer moves.

Let's have a quick glance at the players who, in the past season or two, have been signed by Sydney clubs from interstate: Alex Vesk (Newcastle), Spanos, Kosmina, Ahearn and Mitchell for Sydney City; Ratcliffe, Wilkinson and the three O'Sheas for St. George; Hughes, Bland and Parkes for Sydney (Newcastle); for APIA, Bozanic for Marconi and Mouls for Olympic. No



Andrew Dettre

wonder Sydney City and St. George proved to be the two strongest in the PSL — just look at their interstate gamal! The reverse traffic has been a mere trickle: from Sydney PSL clubs only Stevenson (St. Melbourne), Cotton and O'Connor (Wollongong) and Orlerton (Preston) left — hardly a significant loss in numbers, if not in quality.

The explanation is simple. All five Sydney clubs are strongly

supported by licensed establishments and all are capable of luring almost any talent they want to these shores.

A Brisbane City, West Adelaide, Canberra or Heidelberg couldn't write out a cheque for \$30,000 to sign David Mitchell, let alone offer him the contract he now has. But the Sydney clubs can and do just that.

It wouldn't surprise me at all if players like Alan Davidson, Charlie Villani, Gary Cole, Theo Selemidis, David Lowe, Neil Banfield, Charlie Egan, Doug Brown, Steve Blair, Danny Wright, Tony Brennan and others would all end up in Sydney.

What would be the result of all that?

Well, for one thing the Sydney clubs would get even stronger — and the interstate ones a lot weaker, this wouldn't increase attendances at Sydney matches — especially for the visits of the interstate teams — but would plunge the Adelaide, Brisbane, Canberra and other teams further towards the headline.

Eventually, a continuation of this imbalance would destroy the PSL or whatever it will be called next year.

The only way to prevent that is to bring in some legislation limiting the number of interstate transfers, say to one player every two years per club.

I believe this is just as important as the other quota system which curtails overseas imports.

Clubs must simply be forced to pay much greater attention to the production of their own junior talent — without compulsion they will make only a sham effort and take the easy way out by raiding the interstate clubs.

I can hear some critics argue that no such regulation exists in other countries; nobody and nothing prevents a player from Hamburg to go to Stuttgart, from Leicester to London.

True — but we are unique. Only NSW and to some extent Queensland have been turned into casino-states; the others, prudently perhaps, have resisted the temptation. So we are not competing with them on equal terms and it's up to the ASF to recognise this through legislation.

Of course, I know they won't.

Our hierarchy is famous for treating the symptoms, not the

causes. They fiddle with fancy names and logos and get lost in a maze of trivia while basic issues go unrecognised.

However, the very first who should campaign for such a rule are the Sydney clubs.

At present few of the interstate teams carry enough glamour quotient to send the fans into ecstasy, so the terraces stay empty.

But if, once again, we had a powerful Adelaide city, West Adelaide, South Melbourne or Canberra visiting us — instead of emasculated teams like this year and the next — today's sickly Sydney attendances would also improve.

Sydney City won the PSL by nine points and had one of the smallest aggregate paying crowds in the League. If they win the title by 15 points next year it may flatter their ego — but would effectively empty their splendid Athletic Field.

HAKEAH UNRAVELLED!

From page 1

With only two minutes left in the first half, Kosmina let fly after a poor clearance by Michael O'Shea but yet another deflection sent the ball wide.

John O'Shea, playing with tremendous authority, provided the spade work for Saints' second goal. He intercepted a pass, then sent a superb crossfield ball to MacDougall. Clarke appeared to trip MacDougall as he tried to round the Slickers' keeper and referee Tony Boskovic had no hesitation in pointing to the spot.

Marton took the kick superbly to make it 2-0.

That was the goal which signalled the start of an onslaught by the Saints which easily could have netted them four or five more goals.

Stone started the move which should have seen goal number three scored in the 61st minute. His neat pass found Wilkinson, who through ball sent Marton run through to face Clarke, but on this occasion Martons attempted chip was well saved.

Slater was on hand to pick up an ideal through ball by John O'Shea and face Clarke but only managed to hit the side netting in the 67th minute, then, three minutes later, it was Slater who provided the cross from the right.

Robbie O'Shea managed to push the ball over the bar from six metres out.

Marton's free kick in the 77th minute was headed into the net by John O'Shea, past the post by John O'Shea, then the result was put beyond doubt with seven minutes remaining by maestro Marton.

He broke through the feeble Hakoah defence to elude Clarke after a solo run of 30 metres.

In the closing stages Slickers should have been well and truly hammered. Slater missed a sitter as did David Sken, but MacDougall's miss took the cake. Marton took with Slickers' defenders before pushing the ball to MacDougall, about five metres from goal. However, he missed and the Slickers made the most of few opportunities by scoring from the spot after Ratcliffe brought down John Spanos in the closing seconds of the game.

Kosmina scored the penalty to make the scoreline more respectable.

So that man Arok does it again.

He was elated after the match, "Sydney City didn't want to play at Barton Park, to avoid the unfair, home ground advantage. We just might play them at Penrith Park in future instead of Barton Park," said Arok.

As for the convincing fashion of Saints success: "Once I knew I couldn't overtake them in the League, it was time to reschedule our training routine and prepare for the finals. A couple of games were almost to that end, but I knew that my players would be ready for the semi-final and

Grand Final," concluded Arok.

How right he was! It was a case of the jaded Slickers in the second half with St. George players just that much faster and that much more determined and creative.

Ratcliffe, John O'Shea and Marton were the stars of the side which seldom showed a glimpse of a crack, let alone an opening.

Don't miss the NSW State League Team of the Year pin-up in next week's Soccer Action.

Alex Vesk analyses the best players in the competition and comes up with an 'A' and a 'B' selection.

I do not wish to sound over-critical, but it also is important to note the pre-game comments by the two coaches.

"We will beat the Slickers this time," said Arok.

"Winning the League was the most important thing to us," said Eddie Thomson.

Let's analyse the individual performances. We'll start with Sydney City's players:

TODD CLARKE: Did well under the circumstances and could not be blamed for any of the goals. He was unfortunate to receive a yellow card following an incident on the sideline involving Kevin Mullen and Robbie Slater. He vented his displeasure which didn't endear him to Mr. Boskovic.

KEVIN MULLEN: His uncompromising style of play earned him yet another yellow card, whilst the problem of Hakoah defence to elude Clarke after a solo run of 30 metres.

ALEC ROBERTSON: Had a fair first 45 minutes, but failed to hold his backline steady during the second period. While he showed some authority in his tackling he failed to win the aerial duel with MacDougall, certainly a contributing factor in defeat.

JIM CANT: Rarely seen in this game. His usual stout defence coupled with adventurous runs forward was not to be seen. He struggled to hold St. George's players.

IAN BRUCE: Started well, controlling the movements of young Slater, but like most of his team mates fell away under pressure in the second half and was beaten by the youngster on numerous occasions.

His running down the line was reduced to a minimum, reducing the effect Slickers usually have on the left flank down to a few runs by Murray Barnes.

JOHN SPANOS: An aggressive player with enormous vision was certainly amongst the bright notes in the post game played by Slickers. He ventured forward with zest and was "responsible" for the consolation goal, after beating



Alex Vesk

two players and facing Greedy only to be brought down by Ratcliffe.

Some of his tackling was far too late and some of the behind the play skirmishes he was involved in, should not be part of the talented players repertoire.

JIMMY PATIKAS: Slow start to the game, then exploded into action in the second half. So talented, so fast and enthusiastic, yet so wasted in this Grand Final. His second half effort was all heart, but alas, he wanted to do all of it on his own.

On at least four occasions he went on solo runs but in his eagerness to do well his final shots were well off target.

MURRAY BARNES: Certainly the biggest disappointment in the Slickers side. His usual dominance in midfield and attacking play inside the opponent's penalty area was missing while his complaint to the referee, after Marton scored his third goal, showed an unusual lack of knowledge of the soccer rules.

The good books says: A player shall not be declared offside if he receives the ball direct from the goalkick or corner kick or a throw-in.

That was the case with goal number three but both Watson and Barnes protested vehemently about the decision and received yellow cards.

JOE WATSON: Certainly one of the most underrated players about. If he is not the best right winger in Australia, then I don't know who is. He beat Robert O'Shea all ends up, tormenting the Saints full back, then put in some glorious crosses, but to no avail as the rest of Saints defence held out.

JOHN KOSMINA: Opened up in great style and came close with a couple of efforts during the first 45 minutes. Managed to take possession of the ball in the 58th minute of the second half, after Greedy lost it in the air, but his eventual header was cleared off the line.

Like most of his team mates, appeared to lose interest in the proceedings during the second period.

DAVID MITCHELL: Apart from a number of challenges on the keeper, he seldom got involved in play. He was shading Sken in the air for obvious reasons but failed to beat the Saints fullback with his usual authority.

Certainly a disappointment for Eddie Thomson, who I am sure was expecting more of this talented youngster.

Now for the St. George players:

FERRY GREEDY: Frank Arok did it again. He persisted with Michael Fraser all year then in the most crucial game

of the season, decides to use Greedy and it paid off handsomely. For Greedy was greedy — he collected every cross and stopped everything that was aimed at Saints goal with the simplest of ease.

He worked well under pressure, having to contend for the ball with the likes of Barnes, Kosmina and Mitchell.

DAVID SKEEN: Started off very shakily committing some unforced errors, partly due to a very bumpy surface, but fought bravely to deny Mitchell room to move. His frequent ventures forward were the feature of his game.

DAVID RATCLIFFE: One of the stars of this show. Tall, elegant, with a never-say-die attitude which impressed all and sundry, in particular Les Scheinflug, seated on the terraces with the rest of the Australian team.

We often talked about an Australian Beckenbauer. Well, this guy will do me for the Aussie "Kaiser".

MICHAEL O'SHEA: As in the case of the other two O'Sheas, this youngster has an enormous heart, not, enlarged, but a brave one. Tackles with tenacity hard to match, while his aerial duels with the awesome Slickers certainly favoured the young Saint.

ROBERT O'SHEA: Guilty of some over enthusiastic tackling early in the game, Robbie was finally booked for one of them on a tison.

He'd rather stay at home than face Watson who seems to have the edge on him, but as the game wore on, the situation altered slightly, as O'Shea took control on that flank.

JOHN O'SHEA: Had it not have been for Marton, this man would easily have taken the Man of the Match tag. His anticipation, running, and an eye for a quick counter attack was first class. On at least four occasions his through passes showed rare maturity creating almost certain goals for his side. His tackling, anticipation in intercepting passes and mobility is just something to watch.

PETER STONE: One of the notable successes in this game who covered just about every blade of grass on the park. He was back to his best, defending one moment and being part of an attack the next.

It was easy to see just what extra training sessions have done for him and the rest of his team mates.

PAUL WILKINSON: Here was a player who for years knew just one thing — how to attack. Then, in half a season at Marconi Park, he was transformed into a midfielder. His play may not have set Penrith Park alight but he was by no means an understudy in this match to any of the Slickers "engine room".

ROBERT SLATER: Saints youngster could have had a far greater impact on this game had he converted two easy chances during the second period. He was far more constructive during the second period but will have to work very hard on his skills should

he desire to attain greater heights in this game.

TED MACDOUGALL: Disappointing in most of his matches since his arrival at St. George, MacDougall appeared to have found his feet in this game and combined well with Marton to threaten the Slickers goal.

He was dominant in the air, but failed to finish some well engineered moves late in the game.

DEZIDOR MARTON: Intelligence, skill, even artistry, was the name of the game as Marton took on the might of Sydney City. His first goal was superb, his penalty kick taken with cheek, while his third showed just what kind of finisher this man is.

He was involved in most of the Saints attacking raids, showing just once more how dangerous he can be. His second place in the Player of the Year Award was vindicated on this performance alone and should be continued to play in this mood next year, it will be difficult to see how he could miss on his yearly average of 20 goals.

Dowie and Webster to down Juventus

From page one

Surely Croatia can beat Frankston City in the second game of Olympic Park's double header. Let's hope Croatia doesn't treat this like a training run as it did the play-off against Juventus for third and fourth place in the State League Cup.

This clash is Frankston's swan song in State League, at least for now, but the Baysiders have players like Graham Tutill, Paul Cooke, Kevin Wall, Billy Buchanan and Rob Stewart, among others, with too much self pride not to make a fight of it.

I'm tipping Doveton to upset Juventus in the first game of the double header at Green Gully Reserve on Sunday.

As we went to press there still were injury clouds over Paddy Bannion, Kevin Swincoe, Jim Nelson and Tony Heery but Doveton should have a full squad from which to select Sunday's starting line-up.

There's no doubt that John Dowie's presence in midfield and the good relationship

struck up between Ian Stirton and Stan Webster are the keys to Doveton fine recent league run. These are the three players who could pose Juventus most problems.

And in Peter Thurlow and Jim Train, Doveton has two of the finest fullbacks in State League so Juve's front runners are up against it here.

CRAIG MACKENZIE

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Bingham, O'Callaghan hunt Biskic, Faulkner

By LAURIE SCHWAB

MORWELL FALCONS 1 (Mitten 47th)
CROATIA 0, State League Cup semi-final at Olympic Park, Wednesday night, crowd about 1500 (double header).

MORWELL FALCONS: White-side 8 - Smart 7, Irvine 7, Higham 9, Neil 7 - Bingham 8, Daniels 7, O'Callaghan 7 - Mitten 7, McShane 6, van Baar 7.

CROATIA: Blasby 7 - Curcio 8, Adams 8, Parton 7, Morovic 7, Blacic 8, Faulkner 8, Antolovic 6 (Last 65th), Gajovic 6 - Brogan 7, Murphy 7.

Noel Mitten, who scored a hat-trick in Croatia's memorable 7-0 victory over Juventus in the 1980 Dockerty Cup final, scored the goal that put his new club, Morwell Falcons, into the 1982 State League Cup final.

It put paid to Croatia's dream of winning a fourth successive State League Cup. After Mitten had scored with a header in the 47th minute, with help from Tony van Baar, it was John Higham, Harry Bingham and John O'Callaghan who did the rest.

Higham the big centre back who joined Morwell from Preston, Macedonia, repelled everything Croatia could throw at him, and Bingham and O'Callaghan snuffed out the danger which had been posed in the first half by Josip Biski and Jeff Faulkner.

Morwell coach Dave O'Connor said after the game he had been concerned mainly with attacking Croatia full-out, but did concede that Bingham and O'Callaghan had to watch out for Biskic and Faulkner as the game went on.

"They were causing us a lot of problems coming from deep, but Harry and John stopped them well in the second half," O'Connor said. And what would O'Connor have done had Morwell not gone into the lead? "Maybe I would have brought on John Bond as an extra man up front," he said.

Burnin complained that Morwell's Grant Smart had committed a hand-ball inside the penalty area without a penalty being awarded, and that there should also have been a penalty over Faulkner being brought down in the first minutes of play.

O'Connor shrugged his shoulders. He didn't really give a damn Morwell had won, that's all that concerned him, and who could blame him?

But early in the game, it easily could have gone wrong for Falcons. Faulkner created

two great scoring chances - the second with a diagonal low ball across the penalty area, without anyone following it in. Then right back Tony Curcio played a similar ball across the box, and again no-one was there to capitalise.

At the other end, however, Curcio had to clear off the line to keep the match scoreless at half time.

The winning goal came only two minutes after the interval. Tony van Baar, working hard up and down the left flank, headed the ball square into the box, where Mitten headed it past Peter Blasby.

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Morwell's David Neill (right) tries to get in front of Croatia striker David Brogan.

Croatia fought back valiantly but could find no way past Bill Whiteside in goal.

He made many excellent saves, one of the best being from substitute Ossie Latif who struck a powerful free kick past defenders. Whiteside pounced and gathered it in at this second attempt.

The small crowd had a bit of a chuckle when the ball got stuck on the roof covering the terracing. There was a delay of a couple of minutes while officials went looking for another ball.

South Oakleigh, Holland Park

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE CUP QUARTER-FINAL

ARDEER 3 (N. Christoudas 2, Wisniewski) SOUTH OAKLEIGH 3 (Babatsias 2, Tzintzi AET. South Oakleigh won 5-4 on penalties.

ARDEER: Kotega, Borucki, Czarnacki, Olinowski, Di Benedetto, Gnanashi, Wisniewski, Kuczyński, Dykun, N. Christoudas, J. Christoudas, Jarocki, Manaszuk, Adamowicz, Zombola.

SOUTH OAKLEIGH: Petrov, Loukas, Stogiannou, Cavar, Battigiotto, Tsepas, Dadasis, Kaplalis, Tzintzi, Kontostass, Stergios, Babatsias, Kikios, Kroudis.

BEST PLAYERS: Ardeer: Kuczyński, Di Benedetto, N. Christoudas, Sth Oakleigh: Stogiannou, Dadasis, Cavar.

Underdogs Sth Oakleigh pressed Ardeer throughout the whole match but were unsuccessful in their efforts to score in the first half.

On the other hand, Ardeer played spasmodically and scored when Kuczyński's low drive rebounded off Petrov to Wisniewski, who scored after 42 minutes. Sth Oakleigh's inevitable equaliser came when Stergiou crossed to an unmarked Tzintzi who made no mistake from close range.

Ardeer's second goal came in the 78th minute after Janocki battled for and won the ball, gave it to Kuczyński who tempted two defenders and sent John Christoudas down the line. He crossed to brother Niff who neatly headed home.

Sth Oakleigh continued battling away, and equalised in the 85th when Babatsias lobbed over Kotega. Losing defending from Ardeer found Babatsias alone again in extra time, and he scored again from an angled shot. Ardeer equalised in extra time, when Kuczyński sent a fine high ball to Niff Christoudas, who headed past the Sth Oakleigh defence and into the net.

So both teams were still deadlocked after extra time, in an excellent, hard game, which South Oakleigh eventually took out 5-4 on penalties.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE CUP QUARTER-FINAL

HOLLAND PARK 1 (Koca) BURNLEY 0

HOLLAND PARK: A. Katan 10, Z. Omorguili 8, S. Siv 7, A. Koca 8 (sent off 70th), T. Gaurd 7, I. Omorguili 6 (sent off 72nd min), A. Kulu 5, T. Sok 5, C. Ihan 5, E. Kaurul 7, A. Savinc 7.

A big crowd attended this hotly contested quarter-final match at the Albin Rogers ground. Holland Park began better and eventually was rewarded when Aladin Koca powered in a forceful header after a corner by Ahmet Sevinc to put Holland Park 1-0 up.

However, Holland Park slowly lost its ascendancy after half-time and Burnley attacked time after time, only to be thwarted by some superb saves from young goalkeeper Ali Katan.

Burnley looked even more dangerous after Holland Park goalscorer, Aladin Koca, was sent off in the 70th minute but sent again good goalkeeping ensured that Holland Park qualified for the semi-finals.

Best players for Holland Park: A. Katan, C. Ihan, A. Koca.

This week's Cup games

HARRY ARMSTRONG CUP QUARTER-FINALS

Saturday, kickoff 2.15 pm on grounds of first named clubs:

George Cross v. Knox City; Hellas-Hakoh v. Prahara Slavia; Rickmond v. Mornington; Green Gully Ajax v. Moorabbin City.

METROPOLITAN CUP SEMI-FINALS

Saturday, at Sixth Avenue, Burwood: Dandenong City v. South Oakleigh; Frankton Pines v. Box Hill. First game starts at 1.30 pm.

PROVISIONAL CUP SEMI-FINALS

Saturday, at Green Gully Reserve: Roanane v. Brunswick City; Bulleen v. Holland Park. First game starts at 1.30 pm.

AMATEUR LEAGUE CUP SEMI-FINALS

Sunday, at Egan Lee Reserve, Postal Institute v. Lyndale United; Bundora v. Diamond Creek. First game starts at 1.30 pm.

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Gardiner's last gasp goal knocks out Juve

By CRAIG MacKENZIE

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The dreadful performance against Crocydon four days earlier in the last round of the State League season was forgotten by the Juventus camp as it put Ajax under the hammer.

The State League champion wasn't at full strength. Regular goalkeeper Lou Denys was holidaying overseas so former Sutherland teenager Steve McKenna was given the net. Stories emanating from the Ajax camp on doubts over the inexperienced McKenna's ability to cope with the cup atmosphere proved unfounded.

Give the kid his due. Apart from once dropping a high ball which fell to the feet of Fabio Incantalupo whose shot was deflected for a corner, young McKenna performed admirably. He was tested by superb long shots from Stuart Cunningham, a ferocious charge by Graham French and a well timed header by the same player. But McKenna was equal to the task.

McKenna's opposite number, Alex Fantoma, was Juve's man of the match. Fantoma isn't tall but his reflexes are lightning sharp. He has a flair for the spectacular and can be quite a showman, delighting as he does in his own acrobatic ability. Some of his parries and punches clear were breathtaking, especially in the second half when he was forced to pull off a series of point blank saves.

The best man on the park was Ajax's Peter Lewis. The big, aggressive right back never wavered from his commitment to charge forward and put tremendous pressure on Juventus at the back. His second half was outstanding. He screamed encouragement to his team mates, often taking matters into his own hands and making 30 and 40 metre runs down the right. He always has been a fierce tackler but his off the ball runs now are superbly engineered. That's a dimension to his game which has been finely tuned during his stay at Ajax. Gone is the



Alex Fantoma - brought Juventus so close!

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spite which crept into his game in the past, but he remains ferociously competitive. His reply to the Juventus midfielder who punched him in the face during the second half was exemplary. There were no recriminations, not the slightest hint of revenge. He continued to stream forward tirelessly, urging Ajax on to its eventual victory.

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Ajax was caught out on the break. Cunningham, Juve's best midfielder, sent Incantalupo streaming down the left. The Australian international cut in toward goal and just as he was closed down thumped a low shot toward the far post from about 10 metres.

McKenna flung himself to his left and got a hand to the ball but couldn't stop it cannoning in to goal off the far post.

Ajax had started the match without Gus Macloed. Strange, the big striker had been relegated to the bench but he only had to wait for four minutes of action to pass in the second stanza before making his belated appearance. His omission was a shock to most observers and the Peter Dickson - Paul Lewis on the right side of the area. The blond headed Ajax striker spun around and smashed the ball goalward but Pantoma patted off an acrobatic save to parry wide. From the resultant corner Fantoma again denied Paul Lewis.

With 19 minutes of normal time left, Ajax struck. Greench crossed from the right to the far post. Macloed headed back across goal and Paul Lewis headed in off the post from about five metres to make it 1-1.

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FALCONS OUTCLASSED

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

AJAX 3 (Peter Lewis 22nd, Macleod 73rd, Greechan 79th). MORWELL FALCONS 0.
State League Cup Final at Olympic Park No. 1.

Crowd: about 2,000.
Referee: Henderson 8.

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FALCONS: Whiteside 7 — Smart 7, Higham 7, Irvine 7, Neill 6 — Bingham 7, Daniels 7, O'Callaghan 6 — Mitten 5, McClunie 5, T. van Baar 7 (Bond 69th).

Morwell Falcons were no match for Green Gully Ajax as the green and whites cantered toward their first State League Cup success.

History was in the making from the outset. Neither side had won the State League Cup in fact this was the first time that Ajax or Falcons had reached the final of the competition played between the top four State League sides at the end of the league season.

In the final analysis Falcons were outclassed. That didn't seem to dampen the enthusiasm of their fans who sang raucously as the players from the Latrobe Valley club were presented with their runner-up medals at the end of the match.

One of the stars of a fairly drab show was a linesman. I've watched this guy in action about three times this year and he just can't keep off

centre stage. He'd be better advised to just flag for offside and throw-ins and let the referee take the responsibility of making other decisions. Maybe this linesman was prompted to show us his wares by the cameras of channel 0/28. I don't know. But whatever prompted his unnecessary intrusions in this game were of little importance compared to a couple of ridiculous decisions he made.

Fortunately, no goals were scored as a direct result of this intruder.

Big Peter Lewis scored Ajax's first goal in the 22nd minute. John Gardiner, half way inside his attacking half, passed to David Smallman on the right. The former Everton star took off on a run into the Falcons area, gliding past two opponents on the way. He checked back then curled over a far post cross to Peter Lewis whose firm header from close range gave Falcons goalkee-



Morwell Falcons, back row: Peter Viggiano (team manager), David Wilson, Richie McClunie, Noel Mitten, Andrew Halkett, Bill Whiteside, Tony van Baar, John Higham, Nigel Daniels, Grant Smart, Dave Anderson (physiotherapist), Dave Brabbin (assistant coach). Front row: John Bond, Harry Bingham, Dave O'Connor, John O'Callaghan, David Neill, Dave Perkins, Sandy Irvine. Mascot: Peter O'Connor.

per Bill Whiteside no chance.

Two minutes earlier Falcons created a good chance thanks to midfielder Nigel Daniels who won the ball well near the half way line, skipped around an opponent then sent Tony van Baar down the right, in behind David Hogben. The big, blond headed Falcons striker charged in to goal then hammered a hard, low shot from about 12 metres toward the near post but young Steve

McKenna was down well to save. That was to be Falcons' last clear cut chance until the 84th minute when Harry Bingham headed a John Bond corner to the back post only to have the ball parried wide by McKenna.

In between, Ajax mastered its opponent. Peter Lewis, just after half time, could have put Ajax further ahead but miskicked from 10 metres. The ball rolled toward the far post where Whiteside just tipped it clear before the incoming Paul Lewis could make contact.

Gus Macleod and John Higham challenged for a high ball in the 58th minute. The ball fell to the feet of Jim Williams who let fly with a fiery struck shot which was deflected by a Falcons defender. From the resultant corner Paul Lewis snatched the ball goalward. Grant Smart cleared on the line by kicking the ball into Peter Lewis and out for a goalkick.

Then John Bond replaced Tony van Baar, a shock move. Van Baar easily was Falcons' best front runner. The big forward

ward was more competitive than Ritchie McClunie or Noel Mitten and his selection as the player to make way for Bond was mystifying.

Stuart Cannell was making sure that McClunie's threat in the air never materialised and Dave Hogben was outplaying Mitten. Gardiner put Paul Lewis through. The 1982 leading State League scorer had his shot parried by Whiteside's feet. The ball went out for a corner which was sent across and found the Falcons' defence under pressure to clear. Big Gus Macleod was at the back post and slammed the ball inside the near post from about six metres out to put the result beyond doubt.

Not that Falcons ever looked likely to extend the State League champion for the past two seasons. Sure, everyone commended Falcons for making this final but the lack of commitment from the Latrobe Valley club was a major disappointment.

It was expected that Falcons, although the underdogs, would make a game of it. They failed miserably.

When Ajax had wrapped up this final, Kit Greechan replaced Peter Boyle. Within a minute of coming on Greechan's first touch put Ajax 3-0 up.

Paul Lewis, on the left, knocked the ball inside to Smallman whose low shot was blocked by the feet of Whiteside and the incoming Greechan knocked the ball into the unguarded goal.

When it was no contest Falcons had their best chances to score but a Bingham header, a fierce long drive by Bond and a close range effort from Sandy Irvine all failed.

In between this uncanny action in the Ajax goalmouth, Paul Lewis broke clear. Whiteside was off his line in a flash to smother well. Lewis gathered the rebound and tried to dribble round Whiteside who stole the ball off the feet of Lewis.

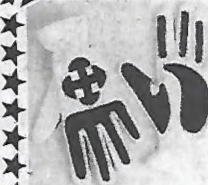
Even though he picked the ball out of the back of his net three times, goalkeeper Whiteside was one of Falcons' best.

Peter Lewis is the best right back in Victoria.

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Juve finishes third, big deal!

JUVENTUS 3 (Romano 14th, Incantalupo 40th, Ruccia 85th) CROATIA 2 (Brogan penalty 22nd, Cavallari own goal 85th), State League Cup play-off for third place, at Olympic Park, crowd about 2000 (double header).

JUVENTUS: Fontana 7 — V. Bannan 9, Cavallari 6, Donaldson 6, Hird 7 — Geremia 7, Cunningham 8, Warner 6 (P. Curcio 70th, Incantalupo 7 (Ruccia 58th) — French 7, Romano 7.
CROATIA: McKee 6 — Deankovic 6, Peron 7, Adams 6, Morovic 6 (Bilaver 6 half down), Antolovic 6, Paulkner 7 (Basinovic 70th), Gojovic 7 — Kuna 6, Brogan 6, Ledi 6.

Both teams were well below top strength. Missing were Nelson, Heery, Pat Bannan and Ged Bannan of Juventus and Curcio, Bliske,

Blasby, Murphy and for one half, Bilaver of Croatia.

The idea of playing this meaningless match was to attract the spectators of the two clubs, to swell the gate-takings. It didn't work.

Juventus generally showed greater urgency than Croatia — attacking well to grab a 2-1 lead, then defending grimly to hang onto it, and striking again the very last minute after Croatia had levelled for the second time.

It was a memorable game for Paul Romano and Sam Ruccia, usually reserve players, who scored two of Juventus' goals. Ruccia had come on as a substitute for the other scorer, Fabio Incantalupo.

— LAURIE SCHWAB



The Pat Della Rocca XI, standing left to right: team manager of the great Juventus of 1970, Jim Simianotto, "Peppone" Medorini, trainer for over 20 years, Ricky Mazzadra, Jack Reilly, John Rossetto, Claudio Fogel, John Lucchesi, Spedero, Frank Barbieri. Kneeling: Claudio Lucchesi, Joe Sansini, Dario Epifano, Nino Mariani, Bruno Sabidussi, Morris Bonfanti, Pat Della Rocca, Dino De Marchi, the last three with their sons as mascots.



The all-stars who met the Pat Della Rocca XI in the testimonial match, from left: Mike Kovacek with Mike Kovacek Jr., Frank Micic, Andy Segi, Hugh Howe, John Kennedy, Jim Armstrong, Steve Walker. Front: Steve Moore, Andy Bozikas, Branko Culina, Billy Vojtek with son Damian, Hammy McMeechan.

Big crowd honors Pat Della Rocca

Brunswick United Juventus organised a big soccer afternoon on Sunday September 26 at its Olympic Park to parade its juniors and to hold a testimonial game for Pat Della Rocca.

Over 100 juniors took part in the end of year parade and gave a demonstration of their skills in two short games between mixed selections. At the end of the juniors' segment Della Rocca presented the inaugural Della Rocca Trophy to the junior who was judged the most like the former Juventus captain, having the qualities that have been the hallmark of his career: sportsmanship and loyalty.

The recipient was Claudio Gobbo of the U/15 team.

The large crowd gave a roar reminiscent of old times when Della Rocca led his team on to the field, followed by the Billy Vojtek XI and punctuated the entertaining game with long applause. The younger team, led by former international Vojtek, finished on top with a 3-2 scoreline.

During half-time of the main game Juventus-Croydon, Della Rocca was presented with a certificate of life membership. Certificates of merit went to Dominic Mattioli, of Mattioli Bros., representing the sponsors and GIOVANNI Ziino, a supporter for over 30 years, in appreciation of his attachment of the club.



Claudio Gobbo (left) with the Della Rocca Trophy as Juventus' best junior, presented to him by Pat Della Rocca himself. At right is club secretary Rocky Di Zio.

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Wolves' Vlietstra makes his mark

Young defender Ray Vlietstra was one of the success stories in Wollongong's marvellous season in the 1982 Phillips League.

The 18-year old son of the club's secretary John, has blossomed into one of the brightest prospects in the country. And when he was called upon to serve in the first team he invariably gave a good account of himself and maintained the faith shown in him by his two coaches this year — Ken Morton and Willie Wallace.

Vlietstra, pronounced Fleetstra, had the misfortune of being understudy to international stopper Arno Bertogna in the Wolves team.



Philip Micallef

But when Bertogna was forced out of the side through injury or suspension, Vlietstra more than made up for the senior Soccerer's absence. Vlietstra's positive performances in both senior and youth Wollongong teams did not go unnoticed.

National coach Les Schenflug has recently picked him in a strong-looking youth team which shortly will take part in the Havelange Tournament in Mexico.

This selection certainly is the highlight of Vlietstra's career.

"It's all happening," he said with a smile like a Viennese choirboy.

But on the field of play the youngster transforms his off-field charm and even shyness into fierce aggression. Vlietstra was born in Australia but his parents are Dutch. And the cheek arrogance that made Holland such a formidable soccer nation in the mid-seventies very much is apparent in this promising stopper who now faced the best striker in the PSL in his eight first team appearances so far.

His best displays were both in Melbourne and the opposition on both occasions was Heidelberg. In the first round game at Olympic Park, Vlietstra blotted out feared striker Gary Cole and Wollongong won 2-0.

And in the recent semi-final at Middle Park, Vlietstra combined beautifully with the rest of the defence to keep out Jamie Paton and Jimmy Campbell. Again Wolves won, this time 3-1.

Wollongong coach Willie Wallace sees a bright future for the young Vlietstra.

"He's very good in the air, extremely fit and pretty confident for his age," said Wallace.

"But his greatest asset is his attitude."

Wallace said there obviously are some areas in his game which need tidying up.

"He needs to be more disciplined. His enthusiasm is so great sometimes he feels he should do both his and other people's job."

He must learn to contain himself," Wallace said.

"But with such an attitude, I've no doubt he will make it."

Vlietstra seems to have accomplished his dream of making the Wolves first team. But he would be the first to realise it was pretty hard to get close to the top and it would be even harder to stay there.



Ray Vlietstra (left) watches anxiously as Wolves' team mate Chris Dunleavy (right) challenges Heidelberg's Gary Cole. Picture by LES SHORROCK.



The experts choose...

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1. Stefan Milla (Polonia)
2. Bobby Tait (George Cross)
3. Dennis Farris (Aberdeen)

LAURIE SCHWAB

1. Stefan Milla (Polonia)
2. Peter Lewis (Ajax)
3. Bill Whiteside (Falkons)

TIM WHITE

1. Stefan Milla (Polonia)
2. Duncan Cummings (H-Hakoah)
3. Paul Driscoll (Frankston)

CRAIG MACKENZIE

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3. Vince Barman (Juventus)

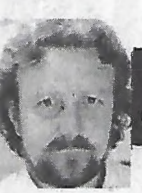
BILL VOJTEK

1. Stefan Milla (Polonia)
2. Noel Wilson (Falkons)
3. Ken Barclay (Wilhelmina)

BOBBY McLACHLAN

1. Stefan Milla (Polonia)
2. Paul Driscoll (Frankston)
3. Vince Barman (Juventus)

Milla is the tip, but watch Lewis



Victorian State League with CRAIG MACKENZIE

Polonia sweeper Stefan Milla, our Ametco Travel State League Player of the Year, is one of the favorites for the 1982 Rothmans Medal to be presented on Friday night at Melbourne's Southern Cross Hotel.

A win to Milla would be popular. Most State League observers expect the former Polish Olympian to go close to clinching Victorian soccer's most prestigious award. Milla is skilful and a very fair competitor—attributes which should enable him to figure prominently in voting which is conducted by referees on a 3-2-1 basis.

We looked at leading candidates from seven State League clubs last week. Let's look at candidates from the seven remaining clubs:

GREEN GULLY AJAX

PETER LEWIS: Some players spend most of their first-class careers either attempting to shrug off labels or merely reinforcing them. Too often, when a player is labelled as "a hard man," he labors under the shackles of the self-fulfilling prophecy—everyone expects the player to be rough and the player, under the pressure of such expectations, lives up to the label.

I'd like to see Peter Lewis poll extremely well. In years gone by he has earned an unenviable reputation as a tough customer, a reputation which regularly was reinforced by referees. There's no doubt that Lewis was a target for referees in a situation where they had to enforce their authority.

He is in his second year with Ajax and fast is earning a new reputation—of being one of the finest right backs in Victoria. It would be an outstanding personal triumph for Lewis to be proclaimed the best and fairest player in State League.

WILLIE VASSALLO: This former Maltese national team captain has excellent close ball control. You rarely see Vassallo playing long, high hopeful balls. The shorter, interpassing game is his forte and although he's in the veteran class he has played a big part in the amazing success of Ajax in the past two seasons.

DAVID SMALLMAN: This former Welsh international hasn't played enough games to win the medal. Let's hope we see a fit Smallman in 1983. He has had a bad run with injuries since arriving here earlier this season. Formerly with Everton and Wrexham, the tall classy striker-midfielder adds greatly to the quality of Ajax's squad.

CROATIA

KEN MURPHY: One of the outstanding left sided attacking players in Victoria. Murphy is fast, skilful and exciting. His dashes at high speed certainly are eye catching and he should poll well. Perhaps the highlight of his year was playing for Croatia against touring English club Watford. Murphy was dynamite that night, the one Victorian to turn it on against the very competitive and well drilled tourists.

There's been talk for the past few years that Murphy could be joining a PSL club. Nothing has eventuated and the way things are shaping his ability doesn't seem destined to grace the national league stage. Croatia would be extremely loathe to part with one of its star players.

KEITH ADAMS: Formerly with Ringwood Wilhelmina, this little defender or midfielder has the ability and attitude to play at the highest level in Australian soccer. He has played sweeper for most of this year but was used by Victoria at left back against Watford.

Adams plays hard and trains hard. He's a bundle of energy out on the park and his enthusiasm for the game often forces him forward in support of Croatia's midfield. You'll rarely see him however, in the attacking third of the field.

Adams is one of five top class State League performers at Croatia.

OSSIE LATIF: Croatia paid Kellor Austria \$8,500 for this teenage striker at the start of the season. Some people at Croatia were talking about him being a second Tommy Cumming. That didn't make adjusting to State League any easier for Latif.

He represented Victoria at the national

youth titles and was selected in the Australian Youth Squad.

He has the hardest shot of any player in State League. And he is prepared to let fly with either foot.

The biggest drawback to his game is that he must improve his ability to come off defenders and offer himself.

POLONIA

ALEX MARSHALL: The tallest player in State League. Marshall is deceptively fast and has good close control, so often lacking in tall players. Like Latif, this big man can get onto the end of a ball and hammer it. He has been mainly up front this season but also has played in defence and midfield.

STEFAN MILLA: A firm favorite to win the Rothmans Medal. This preview of the medal count has taken as its guide the guest list prepared by the VSF. Undoubtedly the 1982 medalist in on that list.

Interestingly, only two Polonia players are invited—Marshall and Milla. Commonly, three players are invited from each club. Could it be that the third name appearing on Polonia's invited players' list—that of team manager Wally Klain—is there so that Klain can interpret for the many journalists with to interview Milla at the end of the medal count? Milla's English almost is non-existent so if he wins Klain will be the most over-worked guest in the Southern Cross.

Milla played with Gwardia Koszalin and Gwardia Warsaw in Poland. He was a first team regular with Gwardia Warsaw for six years and was selected in the Polish Olympic squad to qualify for the 1980 Moscow Olympics.

He is in the Victorian squad to play against New York Cosmos on October 17.

MORWELL FALCONS

TONY VAN BAAR: One of the home town heroes of the Latrobe Valley club. Tall blond and a tireless competitor, big Van Baar will have been spotted by quite a few referees this year and should get his fair share of votes.

He's strong, shields the ball well and has scored a few important goals this season. I think we'll see an even better Van Baar next year with the experience the youngster has gained in this, his first State League season.

NOEL MITTEN: This former Eire youth international may finish the season as Falcon's leading scorer. If so, he will have completed a remarkable scoring feat as Falcons would be the third consecutive State League club at which Mitten has finished leading scorer. He was leading scorer at Frankston City in 1979 and at Croatia in 1980 and 1981. He is a former Manchester United apprentice who always has hit the goal trail in his Australian career.

When Mitten asked for a transfer from Croatia earlier this year he was chased by Ajax, Juventus and Falcons. It was the Latrobe Valley club which eventually signed him and Falcons coach, Dave O'Connor rates Mitten highly. With good cause too. Mitten's partnership with Richie McClunnie has been one of Falcons strengths.

BILL WHITESIDE: Joined Falcons from Frankston City in 1981. There are four State League goalkeepers invited to this year's Rothmans and Whiteside should be the highest votegetter among them.

His reflexes and handling are first class. Time and again this year Whiteside has kept the opposition at bay with some breathtaking saves. Just when Croatia was pressing, looking to take last Wednesday's State League Cup semi-final into extra time, Whiteside pulled off a couple of uncanny saves, notably one from an Ossie Latif piledriver.

NORTHCOTE

GEORGE BOZIKIS: Former striker with South Melbourne Hellas, Bozikis has been used in defence, midfield and attack this season in a Northcote squad lacking quality and depth. He polled well in last year's Rothmans and could be Northcote's highest votegetter again.

DAVE NIXON: Former Linfield midfielder, the tigerish Nixon has been one of the few players at Northcote to shine in the second half of the season. I can't see the flame haired midfielder winning the medal. He hasn't played enough games.

Don't be surprised to see Nixon getting snapped up by a top flight State League club next year.

BOB PROVAN: Injury brought the tall stopper's season to an abrupt end and he certainly hasn't played enough games to figure prominently in voting. He joined Northcote this year from Heidelberg Alexander.

Provan is another player that Northcote may find hard to keep hold of in 1983.

Provan is tall, strong and, in State League at least, one of the best stoppers around.

WILHELMINA

JOE CARROL: He kills the ball stone dead and snields it very well. He also turns sharply and his close control and disposal are excellent. He has a good shot and can put the ball away in the air, in fact Carroll simply is a bloody good footballer. He's in the top three strikers in the league and I expect him to poll exceptionally well.

He could be going to Hong Kong during the Australian off season and no doubt, before the 1983 local season gets under way, Ringwood Wilhelmina will have received a few offers for this talented striker.

JOE TRONT: Wilhelmina's playmaker. A former Mooroolbark, Croynod, and Croatia player with excellent close control and fine disposal. Tront has been one of the finest midfielders in State League for the past five years. A former Victorian state team player, he should poll well but may find Carroll taking most of votes going Wilhelmina's way.

KEN BARCLAY: Came to Wilhelmina this year from Northern Ireland. Barclay and Polonia's Leszek Dzielakowski are the goalkeeping giants of State League.

HELLAS-HAKOAH

DUNCAN CUMMINGS: One of the dark horses for the Rothmans. He has stood out this season in Hellas-Hakoah's young team and he must surely poll well. He's one of the few present Hellas-Hakoah players who could perform commendably with sister club South Melbourne Hellas in PSL ranks. Cummings joined South Melbourne Hellas in the 1970s from Melbourne and moved to Hellas-Hakoah this year.

CHRIS KALIFATIDIS: Like Cummings, Kalifatidis is a South Melbourne Hellas "old boy". He played mainly as a defender with South Melbourne Hellas. He joined Northcote last year then was signed by Hellas-Hakoah this season. His central defensive partnership with George Hannah is one of the strengths of Hellas-Hakoah.

GEORGE HANNAH: A no-nonsense stopper who earlier this season was rumored to be included in South Melbourne Hellas' PSL squad as a fullback.

Hannah is a ferocious tackler and a great competitor. He could be in his last season with the club.

Another O'Donnell

Anthony O'Donnell, brother of Blacktown City player Brian O'Donnell, wants to join a Victorian club.

The 23-year-old midfielder or defender has played with Yeovil Town in England's Alliance League and Wembley in the Irish League and is due to arrive in Melbourne next month.

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\$370,000 Alston wants to coach

Former Socceroo Adrian 'Noddy' Alston, Australia's most expensive export, is looking for a coaching job.

He has been back about three months after spending recent years in England and the U.S.

Alston transferred from Safeway United (Wollongong) to Luton Town of England for \$40,000 after the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany.

Cardiff City then bought him for \$140,000 and he transferred from there to the Tampa Bay Rowdies for \$190,000 — making a total of \$370,000 in transfer fees.

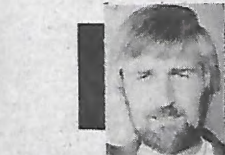
With Tampa Bay, Alston reached the U.S. final, only to experience defeat against the mighty New York Cosmos.

Cosmos, who still had Pele at the time, is due in Melbourne soon to play against the Victorian State team.



Adrian Alston

Mobile Ilioski, skilful Mila



TIM WHITE
Victorian coaching director

Once again Victoria has set the pace for the rest of Australia with its brave decision to bring New York Cosmos to Melbourne.

Such tours play a vital part in the development of players and the game as a whole.

It was a difficult year for arranging visits because of the World Cup in Spain but the VSF turned up trumps with the efficient and exciting Watford combination and now of course North America's Super Bowl champion, New York Cosmos.

Selecting the Victorian teams was not an easy task but I have picked what I consider to be a mixture of youth and experience. The squad is a combination of fast, exciting, skilful players and experienced players who will use

that experience to prevent unnecessary chasing.

The goalkeeping position will be contested by Jeff Oliver who was unlucky not to make the national squad, and Steve Potter who retained the No. 1 spot at Makedonia despite the return of New Zealand's Richard Wilson from Spain.

Former team-mates Gerry Bennett and Peter Lewis will contest the right back position, with versatile Charlie Yankos the diminutive Keith Adams seeking the nod at left back. It's possible Yankos will fill a central defensive position

where he is equally at home, although the Green Gully pair of Stuart Cannell and John Gardner has proved a formidable partnership.

The midfield is an exciting one, contested as it is by the country's No. 1 midfielder Jim Campbell, probably the State League's No. 1 midfielder Ken Murphy, Mister Mobility himself Zoran Ilioski and a newcomer to the State team, the very skilful Stan Mila. Added to them of course is one of Australia's youth team heroes, Fabio Incantalupo. He of course is also a candidate for a place up front.

The front line is made up of players with the ability to act as target men, such as Carl Gilder and Dave Brogan, with the latter a regular goalscorer.

Gilder of course has been there before and knows what's expected in a game like this. Added to those two is the State League's top scorer Paul Lewis. He has had an excellent season and is deadly in the penalty box.

Wide up front we have George Campbell who combines his skill with 90 minutes of perpetual motion, and the very powerful goalscorer Doug Brown.

Those 18 players make up the squad for this exciting game. Obviously they cannot all play but their performances in training over the next two weeks could be vital to their selection.

The players are training twice a week at Olympic Park. The Phillips League players in the squad are training an extra night with State League teams who are currently still playing.

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Alston played in England for Preston North End but made his name in Australia, topping the NSW First Division goalscorers' list with Safeway before switching to St. George Budapest, and then back to Safeway.

He returned from overseas in 1977 to play under his former Socceroo team-mate Johnny Warren at Canberra City.

During that visit he scored three goals in 10 PSL games and played in Australia's World Cup games against Kuwait, South Korea and Iran, bringing to 61 his number of appearances for Australia.

Alston's playing career ended in late 1978 due to a knee injury.

Now he's intent on coaching. He's willing to move to any of the major cities and he can be contacted in Sydney on 81 4986 or in Wollongong on 84 4726.

— LAURIE SCHWAB



Brazil's 1970 World Cup captain Carlos Alberto — on a farewell tour with Cosmos

versity from January 10 to 14, 1983.

It is a five-day course whereas previously this level course was over nine days.

It was decided by the State Directors of Coaching and the National Director to change the format over the next two years.

The reduction in days does not mean that the course content is diminished. In fact the content is increased a little.

Let me explain this and the reason for the change. In the past, candidates were examined practically on the course but it is felt that this constituted a pressure situation which effected their intake of knowledge and their concentration during Staff Coaches' practical sessions.

Therefore course candidates will be examined practically at a later date, with a possibility that coaches will be advised to practice throughout the following season and return for examination on the weekends before and after the course the following year.

However it is possible for candidates to be examined during the year.

Basically, course candidates are given every opportunity to concentrate their efforts purely on the intake of knowledge and ideas without the worry of being examined.

Further information can be obtained from me. This year's course will be staffed by me, Ron Smith, former Victorian Director of Coaching and currently at the Australian Institute of Sport, and John Gardner, a National Coaching Scheme Staff Coach.



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State League votes, scorers

Top votegetters:

36 — Stefan Milla (Polonia)
24 — Paul Drinoczky (Frankston City)
21 — David Neil (Falcons), Joe Carroll (Wilhelmina).

18 — Graham Tutill (Frankston City), Kenny Smart (Albion), Keith Adams (Croatia), George Biozakis, David Nixon (Northcote), Joe Tront (Wilhelmina).

15 — John Gardiner (Ajax), Harry Hird (Juventus), John Creany (Albion), Stan Webster (Doveton), Dave Rigby, Hugh McCann (George Cross), Lou Tsigaris, George Hannah, Duncan Cummings (Hellas-Hakoah).

Top scorers of 1982:
23 — Paul Lewis (Ajax)
18 — Dave Brogan (Croatia), Dave Rigby (George Cross)

14 — Gus Macleod (Ajax), 13 — Duncan Cummings (Hellas-Hakoah)

12 — Noel Mitten, Richie McClunie (Falcons), Ossie Latif (Croatia), Fabio Incantalupo (Juventus)

11 — Stan Webster (Doveton), Alex Marshall (Polonia)

10 — Ian Stirtion (Doveton), Ken Stewart (Wilhelmina)

GREEN GULLY AJAX

Votes:
15 — Gardiner
9 — Macleod, Cannell
6 — Wallace, G. Bennett, Peter Lewis, Williams, Vassallo

3 — Denys, Hogben, A. Bennett, Boyle
Scorers:
23 — Paul Lewis
14 — Macleod
7 — Smallman
4 — Peter Lewis, Cannell

3 — Boyle, Dickson
2 — A. Bennett, Morrey, Greecan
1 — Wallace, Hogben, Gardiner

ALBION ROVERS

Votes:
18 — Smart
15 — Creany
12 — Cutler
6 — A. McMillan, Murphy, Ferrie, Lloyd
3 — Munro, Coyle, Laocok

Scorers:
8 — Coyle
5 — D'Sylva, Lloyd
4 — S. McMillan
3 — Smart, Cutler
2 — A. McMillan, Ferrie

1 — Nisbett, Spiteri, Creany

CROATIA

Votes:
18 — Adams
12 — Parton
9 — Brogan, Murphy, Antolovic, Faulkner
6 — Latif, Blasby
3 — Biskic, Curcio

Scorers:
18 — Brogan
12 — Latif
3 — Faulkner, Murphy, Biskic

2 — Parton, Adams, Batinovc, Gojevic
1 — Curcio, Kuna, Antolovic

CROYDON

Votes:
9 — Haupt, Wade, Hobson
6 — P. Loughnane, Edwards, McCombe, Corke, Rainey, Dobson

Scorers:
13 — Cummings
6 — Patsakos
3 — Rooney, Gray
2 — Abrahm

1 — Kalifatidis, Webster, Davidson, Bozinovski

HELLAS-HAKOAH

Votes:
15 — Tsigaris, Hannah, Cummings
9 — Gray
6 — Owen, Abrahm
3 — Kalifatidis, Perree, Rooney

Scorers:
13 — Cummings
6 — Patsakos
3 — Rooney, Gray
2 — Abrahm

1 — Kalifatidis, Webster, Davidson, Bozinovski

DOVETON

Votes:
15 — Webster
12 — Train
9 — Thurlow
6 — Corke, McIvor, Keogh, Dowie
3 — C. Middlemast, Ivanoff, Merrick, K. Middlemast, Hulsi, Stirtion

Scorers:
11 — Webster
10 — Stirtion
5 — Thurlow
3 — Quin
2 — Dowie
1 — Merrick, Irvine, McIvor

FRANKSTON CITY

Votes:
24 — Drinoczky
18 — Tutill
9 — Buchanan
6 — Wall, Stewart
3 — Gilbert, Holdord, Petersen, Sekulski, Mitchell

Scorers:
5 — Buchanan
4 — Tutill
3 — Wall, Cooke
2 — Holford, Stewart, Sekulski

1 — Reader, Drinoczky, Mitchell, Colby

GEORGE CROSS

Votes:
15 — Rigby, McCann
9 — Tachiris, Toal, Gilder
6 — Lawson, Bilusic
3 — McKinaly, Vella, Wilkinson

Scorers:
18 — Rigby
8 — Toal
4 — McCann
2 — Mizzi, Gambin
1 — Vella, Bilusic, Gilder

Green Gully Ajax

strode well clear of the field this season to win its second successive Victorian State League championship, scoring 67 goals and boasting leading State League scorer, Paul Lewis, in its ranks.

Here is a complete list of all scorers and votegetters in our Ametco Travel State League Player of the Year award.

31 Brown, I. Loughnane, Nolan, Rooney, Denrider

Scorers:
7 — Nolan
5 — Wade
4 — P. Loughnane, Rooney
2 — Dobson
1 — Lia, Bakker, McCombe

MORWELL FALCONS

Votes:
21 — Neill
12 — Whiteside, Irvine
9 — Smart, Higham
3 — McClunie, O'Claghan, Mitten, Daniels, T. van Baar, Bingham

Scorers:
12 — Mitten, McClunie
8 — T. van Baar
4 — Bingham
2 — Perkin, bond
1 — O'Claghan, Irvine, J. van Baar

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NORTHCOTE

Votes:
18 — Boxikis, Nixon
9 — Kardamitsis, Wright
6 — Provan, Maitland
3 — Fakos, Nelson, Sahinidis, Petrakos

Scorers:
9 — Constantinou
6 — Fakos
3 — Tsetsos
2 — McCurdy
1 — Rujevic, Kokkinos, Bol, Bozikis, Wright, Provan, Nixon

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POLONIA

Votes:
36 — Milla
12 — Dzielakowski
9 — Przybyla, A. Czapanik
3 — Lipiarski, Marshall, Jaworski, Klain

Scorers:
11 — Marshall
9 — Przybyla
7 — Krynski
5 — P. Czapanik, Laki
2 — Lipiarski
1 — Sekulski, Milla, Smolarek, A. Czapanik

Scorers:
11 — Marshall
9 — Przybyla
7 — Krynski
5 — P. Czapanik, Laki
2 — Lipiarski
1 — Sekulski, Milla, Smolarek, A. Czapanik

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JUVENTUS

Votes:
15 — Hird
12 — P. Bannan
9 — Swinscoe
6 — Geramia, Heery, Cunningham

3 — French, G. Bannan, V. Bannan, Zinni, McGrory, Clayton, Fantoma, Nelson

Scorers:
12 — Incantalupo
7 — G. Bannan
6 — French
4 — Heery, Zinni, McGrory

3 — P. Bannan, Nelson
2 — Cunningham
1 — Donaldson

Scorers:
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7 — G. Bannan
6 — French
4 — Heery, Zinni, McGrory

3 — P. Bannan, Nelson
2 — Cunningham
1 — Donaldson

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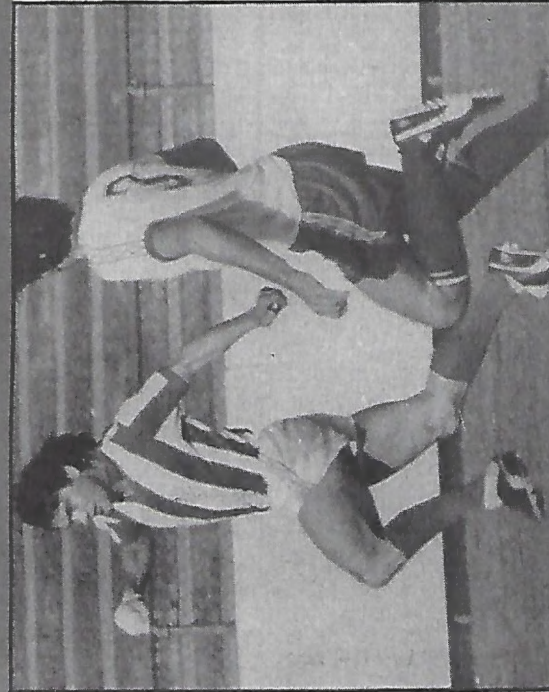
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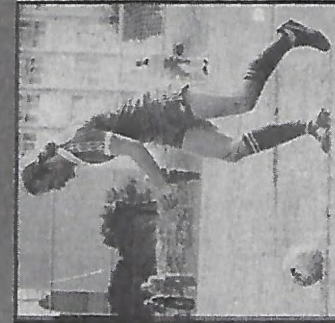
Paul Wade of Croydon



Albion right back Gary Cutler (left) is beaten to the ball by a flying challenge from Ajax's Jim Williams



Polonia sweeper Stefan Milla (left) streaks away from Peter Vardaxia of Kel-Ias-Hakoah



Sean Rooney of Hellas-Hakoah



Wilhelmina striker Joe Carroll

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WHITESIDE (Falcons)

- 12 - Leszek Dzielakowski (Polonia)
9 - Taseo Tachiris (G. Crose)
Spiro Kardamitsis (North).

The 1981 "Soccer Action" Team of the Year: Dave GILBERT (Frankston) - Don PASMAN (Wilhelmina) John BARDINER (Ajax) - Gerry BENNETT (Ajax) - God SAMMON (G. Crose) Graham FRENCH (Hellen) Chris TAYLOR (S. side) - Gordon WALLACE (Ajax) GUS MACLEOD (Ajax) Tony NEENE (Juventus).

36 - Stefan

MILA

- (Polonia)
18 - Keith Adams (Croston)
18 - John Gardiner (Ajax)

12 - Gary

CUTLER

- (Albion)
9 - Peter Thunlow (Doves)
Grant Smart (Falcons)
Frank Myles (S. side)

24 - Paul

DRINOCZKY

- (Frankston)
18 - George Boudis (North)
15 - John Crosey (Albion)
George Hantah (H-Hak)

21 - David

NEILL

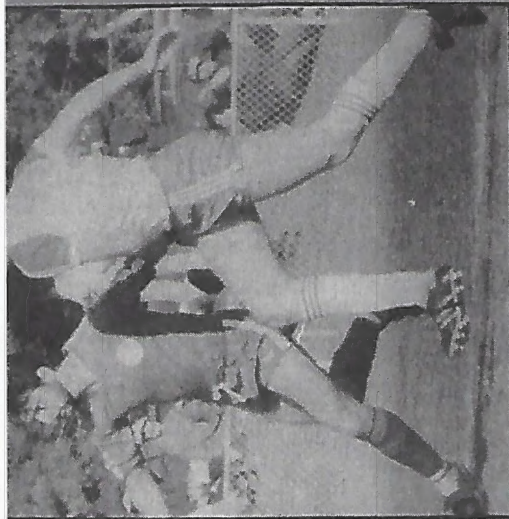
- (Falcons)
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12 - Jim Train (Doveon)

18 - Dave

18 - Joe

18 - Graham

TITILL



Frankton stopper Paul Drinoczky (right) challenges Con Fakos of Northcote



Northcote keeper Spiro Kardamitsis (left) raises his knee to protect himself from incoming Frankton City striker Kevin Wall.

(North).
9 — Jeff Faulkner (Crofta)
Bill Buchanan (Frankton)

15 — Stan
WEBSTER

(Doves)

9 — Bobby Toal (G. Cross)
Roger Bain (S'shire)

(H'wood W.).
15 — Dave Rigg (G. Cross)
9 — Joco Antebvito (Crofta)
Sammy Wright (North).

21 — Joe
CARROL

(R'wood W.)

15 — Duncan Cummings (H-Hak).
9 — Dave Brogan (Crofta)
Col Gilder (G. Cross)

(Frankton).
15 — Hugh McCann (G. Cross)
9 — Paul Wade (Croydon)
Eddie Gray (H-Hak).
Kevin Swincoe (Juventus)

18 — Ken
SMART

(Albion)

9 — Ken Murphy (Crofta)
Janusz Przytyla (Polonia)



Ringwood Wilhelmina midfielder Joe Tront



Morwell Falcons defender David Neill guards his goal



Sunshine striker David Nelson

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St. Albans' best players in the finals series, from left: Robert Munter (senior team), Vasco Micevski (intermediate, equal best), Con Lagas (intermediate, equal best).

Junior of the week



Our Buffalo Sports Junior Sports Star of the Week is Andrew Park (pictured), of the Balmarring under 7s.

Andrew has good ball control, tackles hard and never gives up.

He is enthusiastic about the sport and his club, and never misses training.

Andrew's school is Red Hill Consolidated.



The captains of the two St. Albans High School teams that won their 1982 State championships, from left: Zdravko Avzin (senior team), Frank Spiteri (intermediate team).

They're 100%

• Of the 955 senior and junior teams in the 93 VSF divisions, four finished the season without losing or drawing a single game. They are:
South Springvale under 11A (Eastern C division)
Box Hill under 11B (Eastern E)
Seaford under 11A (Peninsula A)
South Melbourne Hellas under 12B (Central)

Hat-trick heroes

From now on all applications for hat-trick diplomas in "Soccer Action" must be accompanied by a stamped self addressed envelope at least 12 inches long by 10 inches wide (31 centimetres by 21 centimetres).

The "Soccer Action" hat-trick diploma is available to any junior player who scores three or more goals in any league, Cup, interstate, or official school match. Friendly games do not count.

Coaches are asked to supply the following information.

1. Name of the boy who scored the hat-trick (or more).
2. His age, and the team for which he plays.
3. The team against which he scored the goals.
4. Date of the game.
5. An address to which to send the certificate (Please use ONE address per club — secretary, coach, team manager or similar of-

ficial, who will hand the certificate out to the boys).

Send the information to "Soccer Action" 603 Little Lonsdale Street, MELBOURNE, Vic. and we will forward the certificate free of charge.

The boys' names will also appear in our list of "Hat-trick Heroes", published every week.

This week's hat-trick heroes:
MENDE GACOVSKI, 10, five goals (Frankston Pines); CON FANGALAKIS, 15, five goals (Port Melbourne); SIMON ECCLES, 8, four goals; MARCUS CHADWICK, 7, four goals; JUSTIN CONNOLLY, 8, seven goals; CRAIG LESTER, 8, dadam JOHNSON, 7, CHRISTIAN SALTER, 7, six goals; STEPHEN GOULD, 8, RODNEY CRUMP, 10 (Rosetta Primary School).

Juventus wins Northern Cup

Juventus (Vic) dominated the recent Northern Cup, with the under 15s winning 5-0 against Fawkner and the under 18s 1-0 against Moreland.

The under 15s are pictured below. From left, standing: T. Eminovski (manager), E. Sellitti, M. Muccio, A. Fletcher, C. Fumo, S. Lyberopoulos, G. Rizza, S. Greco, F. Romeo, C. Tamboureas, J. Armstrong (coach). Front: R. Devetak, N. Eminovski, M. Ferrer, A. Zintiliis, S. Sorace, A. Noto.

This team's scorers against Fawkner were Eminovski (2), Tamboureas, Ferrer and Devetak.



St. Albans honors its stars

Robert Munter, Vasco Micevski and Con Lagas received trophies last week as the stars of the two St. Albans high school teams that won 1982 State championships.

Munter was voted the senior team's best player during the finals series, while Micevski and Lagas tied for the equivalent award in the intermediate team.

They and the other players of both teams received mementoes of their successful year at a presentation ceremony in the school library. George Cross president Alf Zahra made the presentations.

The two State titles gained in 1982 brings to five the number of premierships won by St. Albans High in the past six years.

The junior team won the 1977 and 1980 titles, the intermediates won in 1979 and 1982 and were semi-finalists in 1980 and the seniors were champions this year and runners-up in 1981 and 1977.

In both finals this year, St. Albans came from behind to win 3-2 in extra time. The intermediate team beat Prahran and its scorers were Micevski, Lagas and Spiteri.

The seniors beat Kew High 3-2 with goals by Gerick, Kotevski and Christaldo.

Victor Christaldo, incidentally, is to trial in England soon.

JUNIOR SOCCER ACTION



St. Albans High School's senior team, from left, standing: B. Trösel, C. Gerick, A. Kustura, P. Beranic, R. Hunter, M. Pufek, I. Smoljko, L. Todorovski, Mr Englezos (coach). Front: N. Kotevski, V. Christaldo, C. Psihogios, Z. Avzin (captain), D. Loncaric, R. Munter, T. Kotevski.



St. Albans High School intermediate team, from left, standing: Mr G. Ravenhall (coach), L. Markovski, C. Lagas, S. Milkic, M. Hussain, J. Apostolou, P. Panayl, V. Micevski. Front: B. Jackson, Z. Jusup, G. Bouliopoulos, F. Spiteri (captain), M. De Freitas, P. Crossley, R. Kellar.

Meet two Cup finalists



Melbourne Croatia's under-14 A side, league champion this season and JLMC Cup finalist. The Croatia side is; Back row: A. Juric, M. Tadinac, R. Dragovic, I. Crdic, J. Bacak, R. Luburic, G. Jacmenouli, M. Jurjevic (coach). Front: S. Ramljak, F. Musil, A. Kolceg, J. Galic, I. Kelic, S. Omisel, J. Pavlovic. This side has been together for five years, winning the under-9 and under-13 JLMC Cups during that time.



Tatura's star

Marc Stalla (pictured) has given tremendous loyalty and service to his club, Tatura, in the Shepparton region.

Marc is essentially a winger but during the 1982 under-13 country championships was used with great success as sweeper.



• Scenes from the recent national championships. TOP: NSW captain Robert Hunter and vice-captain Greg Fischer receive the Under 16 cup from VSF president John Dimitis. ABOVE: Darren Brown (left) of WA tangles with S. Heidemann of the ACT in the Under 14 titles in Adelaide.



Rasic with the Footscray J.U.S.T. team which he led to the 1969 Victorian State League championships. From left, standing: Rasic, Foda, Utjesenovic, Mldc, Colovic, Cirkovic, Zoraja, Buljovic. Front: Adamovic, Stankovic, Mihalovic, Riso, Milisavljevic, Lukic, Rasmir.

Many orphans grow up feeling inferior, but with Rale Rasic the opposite was true. Talking to him once about how the death of his parents during the early war years in Yugoslavia affected his life, Rasic told me: "Perhaps I always felt I had something to prove as a child and I could prove it only with my own ability. There was no-one to help me. I developed a fierce desire to succeed and since then I always have believed I can do things better than anyone else."

It was Rasic, of course, who led Australian soccer into a

new era by taking the national team to the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany but for the past year, he has experienced the relative obscurity of State League soccer with Blacktown City, and he has missed the bright lights of stardom.

He's back now, as coach of South Melbourne Hellas. Club president Sam Papsavas announced the appointment last Wednesday, after a late-night meeting with Rasic, first at Middle Park Stadium, and then at the Olive Tree restaurant in South Melbourne. Papsavas has been trying unsuccessfully since 1977 to lead Hellas to a PSL title. He has tried out six coaches—Manny Poulakakis, Con Ananthopoulos, Dave McLaren, Duncan McKay, John Margaritis and Tommy Docherty. Now it's the turn of Rale Rasic.

He will move from Sydney to Melbourne in December, and will start pre-season training soon afterwards.

Hellas fans always have and always will demand success, especially since the club spares no expense in buying the best players and signing big-name coaches. Rasic knows there will be a lot of pressure on him, but he's prepared for it. "We're all setting

out to make it Hellas's best year yet," he says. "Not just me, but the committee and of course the players."

Papsavas has said the club needs three of four new players to strengthen the team, but although Rasic has a few in mind, he's biding his time, waiting until he is able to assess all the men on his staff at the moment.

He's back home determined to repeat the successes which started his turbulent career. It was with Footscray J.U.S.T. that he achieved his first coaching triumph—winning the 1969 State League championship. His ego fed on his ensuing successes, and so his stand became stonger and stronger on most subjects concerning soccer. He certainly was not about to give ground to men of less expertise, and so he became, and still is, the most outspoken critic of soccer in Australia. It was a series of heated clashes with ASF president Sir Arthur George that resulted in Rasic's contract as national coach not being renewed after the 1974 World Cup finals. He was in the running a few times afterwards, but in each case, old animosities got in the way. "Much has been made about my alleged 'money-hungry



By LAURIE SCHWAB

financial demands," says Rasic. "The facts are as follows:

"Sir Arthur and I had agreed that I should receive twice as much as the players. In the World Cup finals, they were promised \$1000 a man for every point they gained so naturally I expected \$2000. This was in addition to an incentive of \$3000 which I eventually was paid after we had qualified for the finals. Sir Arthur's argument was that I should not get the bonus per point because that money was being supplied not by the ASF, but by a consortium of sponsors. I could see his point. To me, a bonus was a bonus, and we had agreed on it. I felt very hurt by it all. I had succeeded in a difficult job on very little pay. My four years as national coach cost the ASF less than \$20,000—a measly \$5000 a year! So it all revolved around that bonus payment. When the Soccerroos drew 0-0 with Chile in the World Cup finals, they earned \$1000 for the point. I believed I was entitled to \$2000 but I never got the money."

Rasic agrees that it was largely due to his clashes with Sir Arthur that his contract was not renewed after the World Cup.

Another clash over money occurred before the players left for West Germany. The scene was the team's hotel at Wahroonga. Sir Arthur came to meet the players and negotiate bonus payments for them from money provided by the consortium of sponsors.

The players put their demands during a meeting with Sir Arthur and he rejected them. The players reacted by packing their bags and preparing to quit the camp, forcing Sir Arthur to compromise.

"It was then that one of the players disclosed that I had been the architect of their financial demands," Rasic says. "and Sir Arthur certainly didn't take kindly to that news."

Rasic was Australia's youngest-ever national coach when he was appointed in September, 1970. He was 34 then, working as a physical education teacher at Caulfield Institute of Technology and also coaching Melbourne Hungaria and the Victorian State team. About the same time, he was appointed full-time coach of St George to replace Frank Arok who was leaving to return to Yugoslavia.

His clashes with officials started on his first Soccerroo tour. In 1970. First he defied the advice of team doctor Brian Corrigan in allowing Manfred Schaefer to play despite a hamstring injury, then he blasted the tour leaders for having arranged a match against not Manchester City, but Manchester City's reserves, and he got angry when the bosses refused his demand that John Doyle and Dave Keddie be sent home from Teheran over breaking curfew.

But glory was much more prevalent than unpleasantness. Rasic recalls some of the more memorable matches while he was national coach.

"Before leaving on our 1972 Asian tour, we had excellent results against Wolves (1-0 and 2-2) and Pele's Santos (2-2). These games showed how powerful we had become in defence. Even Wolves' world-renowned forwards Derek Dougan and Hugh Curran could not break through in Melbourne, where we won 1-0. In Sydney I risked making three changes to give Bugsy Nyskohus, Billy Rogers and Terry Butler a run, yet we could have beaten Wolves handsomely after going to a 2-1 lead. Hugh Curran got so frustrated he flattened Ray Richards and was sent off 10 minutes from the end. That

Rasic talks of great players, memorable games, Sir Arthur George and Saigon

the World Cup, I was not willing to risk a direct midfield confrontation against Brazilians who could string 10 or 15 passes together with brilliant one-twos. And so we relied on long kicks, many from our goalkeeper, to by-pass the Brazilian midfielders who were thus cut out of the game. This really upset their rhythm.

"Obviously we had to mark Pele, otherwise he would have torn us apart single-handedly. I was in two minds. Should I give the job to Mackay who had overshadowed Spiegler in Israel and Dornazos in Greece or should I give in to the pressure Richards was applying? He had been pestering me to mark The Great One. Our training before this match consisted of one solitary morning session on tactics. Jack Reilly and Billy Vojtek had club games the day before so they flew in at night to join us. It was before this training session that I told Richards he would be marking Pele. I told him Pele could not be kicked; he had to be treated as the great man he is, and he had to be beaten fairly. Ray was like a skydiver psyching himself up for the highest jump of his life. His guts were so churned up that he vomited before the game but he went out and gave the finest performance of his career. He beat Pele hands down and fouled him only once, after which he extended his hand in apology and helped the great Brazilian back onto his feet.

Then there was the 1972 tour game in Vietnam which almost resulted in a bloodbath of unparalleled proportion. The Vietnamese fans were not used to European tackling and Australia's was a bit brutal on a few occasions. The spectators literally went berserk. They stormed onto the pitch and it is no exaggeration to say that the Soccerroos began to fear for their lives. They threw stones and other objects.

Rasic takes up the story: "One of our officials, Tom Patrick, had a plastic hat full of kerosene thrown in his face. We waited in the dressing

room for half an hour while about 400 police dispersed the rioting mob. Even then, someone threw a bottle through one of the windows of our bus as we finally drove away.

"The players voted unanimously not to play the next match, which was to be against the full Vietnamese national team. But telegrams started arriving from Australia, and pressure was put on us by the Vietnamese government and the Australian ambassador. All feared there would be more trouble if we did not play.

"After being assured that 2000 troops would be sent to the game and that we would have a military escort to and from the ground, we set off, with our hearts in our mouths. That experience stayed with us. In times of particular difficulty, we would say: 'Remember Saigon.' To appease the angry fans we paraded a Vietnamese flag around the pitch before the kick-off. It was a peace offering and although it had the desired effect, it did not convince these people, who have seen much more in-sidious plots over 30 years of war. No, they would reserve their judgement for what they saw on the pitch. Accordingly, I instructed the players to change their style completely. They were not to commit fouls of any kind. They were to avoid all body contact. They were to extend the hand of friendship every time there was an accidental clash. That went against Manfred Schaefer's grain. He couldn't play his usual game. The Vietnamese left winger reached perhaps up to Schaefer's chest, but he was so nippy that he beat Schaefer left, right and centre. Schaefer started fuming so noticeably that you could almost see steam shooting from his ears. Eventually he exploded. He tore free of his chains and ground the little left winger into the ground. Remembering my instructions, he not only extended his hand of friendship, but actually picked the little Vietnamese up off the ground by



Coach Rale Rasic (back row, extreme left), with the 1973 Soccerroos.

From left, back row: Rasic, Branko Buljovic, John Watkins, Peter Wilson, Adrian Alston, Max Tolson, Ernie Campbell, Les Scheinflug (assistant coach).

Middle row: Harry Williams, Ray Baartz, Doug Utjesenovic, Attila Abonyi, Ray Richards, Manfred Schaefer.

Front row: Jimmy Rooney, Jimmy Mackay, Jimmy Milisavljevic, Jim Fraser, Col Curran, Johnny Warren.



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the armpits, lifted him into the air and unceremoniously dropped him on his behind. He had got his revenge, but the crowd clapped in appreciation. They interpreted it as courtesy. Schaefer was real gentleman."

Australia's return match against Iran during the 1973 World Cup qualifying series, was played in Teheran, six days after the Socorroos had beaten Iran in Sydney, and the two teams actually flew to Teheran on the same plane and both stayed at the Sheraton.

"At our team meeting we agreed that our objective was not goals at any cost, but to qualify for Munich and to do so clinically, deliberately, without taking unnecessary chances," Rasic remembers.

"Gelickhani scored twice for Iran, once from the penalty spot, and as the first half was drawing to a close, I talked with Max Tolson who was next to me on the bench. It was supposed to be confidential but we had to scream to hear each other over the din of the 100,000 crowd. I told him that in the dressing rooms I would say that despite our poor performance, we were still leading 1-0 overall. Then I would shout angrily: 'Is this the way we are going to qualify?' Tolson was then to yell: 'No! I would ask: 'Who will give us 100 per cent effort to make sure we go to Munich? Tolson was then to say: 'I will. Let me have a go at them."

"In the rooms at half time, the players had their heads down. It was like a morgue but I put on my show and when Tolson sprang to his feet and said: 'I will, I'll do it', he brought the other players back to life. Alston had been so nervous during the game he could barely bend his knees, so I sent Tolson to replace him.

"My instruction was that from the kick-off, either Abonyi or Warren was to deliver the ball into the penalty area, after having played sufficiently to allow Tolson to get up there. Tolson was to 'challenge' the goalkeeper and the defenders for that ball. It took 30 seconds for Abonyi to lob the ball onto Tolson's head. Tolson used his massive frame (and his elbows) to connect not only with the ball but with goalkeeper Rashidi and to petrified defenders. The Iranian lay in a heap inside their own goal. Tolson too was down, with one eye open, moaning for 'help, before springing sprightly to his feet again. That one show of strength created an incredible turn in the game. The Iranian goalkeeper kept beckoning to his bench, wanting to be replaced, the two defenders kept glancing nervously towards Tolson, wondering whether he was normal and whether he would do them more damage. Tolson had disturbed the Iranians' rhythm and injected new power and belief into his own team.

"I had told Tolson that if we did not score in the first 10 or 15 minutes of the half, he should go back and help form a defensive wall to keep the score at 2-0. I had told Warren and Abonyi that as soon as Tolson dropped back from the central striker's position, they were to stop crossing the ball. And so, after about 10 minutes, I called Tolson back to become the third striker, alongside Richards and Watkins. He was notorious for his lack of pace, but he came back at the highest speed he ever has run in his life.

"Yet Warren, who had been playing very well, kept on crossing the ball, even though we had no one up there. Goalkeeper Rashidi kept plucking those crosses out of the air and sending long kicks to Mazloumi, thus putting us under pressure again. I talked to Jimmy Rooney on the bench, asking: 'What's Johnny doing wrong?'

"He's dribbling too much," Rooney answered. "Bloody hell, He's not dribbling enough," I answered. "You get ready to go in. Don't cross the ball. If necessary, dribble it and push it over the touchline."

"As soon as he got onto the park, Rooney beat four men, turned and pushed the ball into touch. At least he didn't cross it. Anyway, the 2-0 scoreline stood till the end and we won 3-2 on aggregate over the two games. And in the 45 minutes he played, Max Tolson was as big and as powerful as 100,000 people."

It is soccer history of course, that the Socorroos went on to qualify for the World Cup finals with results of 0-0, 2-2 and 1-0 over South Korea in the Asian final.

Rasic admires Ray Baartz, the former Sydney Hakoah star, as the greatest Australian-born player with whom he has been associated. The style of Rasic's team was built partly on Baartz's sensational shot — his ability to have a crack from anywhere, from up to 30 metres. He remembers fondly the Baartz-Col Curran singing duet on bus rides — both in slouch hats, doing 'Road tooudagal' — and the gluttonous appetite of Adrian Alston. "He could eat a full



Rale Rasic (right) shakes hands with his new boss, Hellenas president Sam Papaasavas. The picture was taken not last week, but a few years ago, when Rasic was coach of Marconi. The candidate for the Hellenas coaching job at that time was former Socorroo Manfred Schaefer (left).

What he's done

Rale Rasic's record in Australian soccer:

- Played in the J.U.S.T. team that won the Victorian State League championship and Dockerty Cup in 1963 and the Ampol Cup in 1966;
- As coach, took J.U.S.T. into the 1967 Australia Competition;
- Coached the Victorian State team from 1969 to 1970;
- Victorian State League championship with J.U.S.T., 1969;
- Lifted Melbourne-Hungaria from near the bottom to second place in 1970;
- Coached the Victorian under 16 team to the 1970 national title;
- Appointed national coach 1970 and took the Socorroos on a successful world tour late that year;
- Switched to St George in 1971 and immediately helped win a three-nation tournament in Tokyo;
- NSW grand final win with St George, 1971;
- Took Marconi to victory in the interstate championship of 1972 (four of NSW v top four of Victoria);
- NSW grand final with Marconi, 1973;
- World Cup finals in West Germany with the Socorroos, 1974;
- Took Pan Hellenic (Sydney Olympic) into the NSW top four, 1975;
- Marconi equal first in inaugural PSL season, 1977, but conceded championship to Sydney City on goal difference;
- Won Phillips Cup with Adelaide City, 1979;
- With Blacktown City experienced relegation from the PSL, 1981;
- Third in NSW State League with Blacktown, 1982.

meal now, and two plates of spaghetti half an hour later."

Branko Buljevic, on the other hand, was nicknamed "Schmitzel" because while the others ate steaks before a game, he would eat schnitzel. Eventually, other followed his lead until there was a whole brigade of schnitzel eaters. In Teheran, Billy Vojtek and John Perin figured out a way to control the lighting in the room of Adrian Alston and Otte Abonyi. Alston turned the lights off, and click, they'd go on again as soon as he tried to go to asleep. Mike Denton made a profit selling Coke to his fellow players in Tokyo. The Coke price was too high at the hotel, so Denton found a vending machine which became his supplier. To make sure no-one else used it, he put a sign on it, saying 'Out of order', then there was the time Vojtek slipped a blue movie into the luggage of Jimmy Mackay while they were going through customs.

The semi-professional footballer in Australia is a unique creature. Mostly he hails from overseas and in many cases he has a language barrier to overcome. It was like that with Rasic when he first arrived from Yugoslavia in 1962.

"When I came here, I couldn't get work at all," he

says. "Neither did the others who came with me from Yugoslavia, so Footscray J.U.S.T. paid us full wages for four months. I then went onto the assembly line of a car factory in Port Melbourne. They gave me goggles, apron, boots and gloves and got me working on the steam machine, washing car engines in scorching heat. I couldn't speak English, so I couldn't communicate with anyone. At lunchtime I simply packed up and went home. Later, I worked as a window cleaner and bricklayer. I went unsuccessfully into business and I lost everything, as did my team mate Milenko Ruzmir who went in with me.

"It's not too bad for British players because they at least know the language."

Rasic has seen so often the effects of football pressure on the private lives of the semi-professional player. The most prevalent problem is alienation from wives, and from children because of so much time spent away from the home.

"If the pull of the home is stronger than the pull of your work or your sport, then our work or sport performance will suffer. Generally speaking, the stop player would not have reached his level had he

allowed his home to pull more strongly than his sport. It is the classic vicious circle.

"When I was national coach, I was up in aeroplanes or at my club more often than I was at home. Once, at the airport, my son Simon, then two, called someone else daddy."

"The clubs must give much more recognition to the players' wives and families through social functions and by creating an enjoyable environment for them at the ground. It is the wives the clubs rely on as much as anyone else to see that the players perform well at the weekend."

"Obviously I cannot mention names, but one player did not go to the 1974 World Cup finals because of lack of understanding between him and his wife. Two players who became Socorroos after coming here from Scotland were divorced because of the amount of time they spent at soccer. Another prominent national team player spent so much time with his clubs that his wife left him. There also was the case of an engagement breaking up because a player went on a Socorroo tour. One of Australia's most prominent players played for a Sydney club and lived in Sydney while his wife lived in Melbourne. At training camps it was not unusual for wives to ring up at all hours of the night, either fighting mad or to protest that they were lonely.

"Then there's the difficulty of combining work with soccer. Peter Wilson lost four jobs. Jim Tansey was at one stage getting up at 6 am knocking off at 3 pm having a couple of hours sleep in his car, training and arriving home about 9 pm. Before that he and Tommy Cumming did only casual work, knowing they would have to quit anyway. Others lost jobs because of tours. Peter Orlerton and Ernie Campbell, for example. Otte Abonyi didn't go on tour for fear of losing his job as a tailor. And it took Manfred Schaefer six months to adjust to his new way of life when he took over an early morning milk run. John Perin worked an eight or 10-hour day doing heavy concreting work. John Nyskohus is on his feet from the early hours, working as a butcher."

"A major problem faced by most top players, irrespective of nationality is what to do when they retire. Suddenly their entire life changes and they find it extremely difficult to settle into a new routine. The ones who suffer most are those who poured everything into their sport without worrying much about career, family or investment. One prominent player I coached turned alcoholic after he retired and was divorced by his wife. Many seek the fast buck on the racecourse or at the poker table without success."

"In their defence, I must stress that the system is largely at fault. All professional clubs must ensure that their young, potential stars have something other than soccer to fall back on, this can be done by paying their apprenticeship or college fees, for example. I know Sydney City cares for its young players and so does Adelaide City whose young apprentices get part of their pay in cash and the rest paid into a trust account for the period of their contract. Marconi has a similar system."

Having talked earlier about some of the most memorable matches with which he has been associated he includes of course the 2-0 victory over Uruguay and the games against West Germany, East Germany and Chile in the World Cup — we ask Rasic to

Olympic Sports Field in Kensington on September 30. This is the way the teams lined up, with substitutes in brackets:

ADELAIDE CITY: Peter Marshall — Bugsy Nyskohus, John Besir (Jim Muir 51st minute), Bobby Russell, Glenn Dods — Agenor Muniz, Gary Marocchi, Brian Northcote, Charlie Villani — John Nyskohus, Chris Kent (Sergio Melia 50th minute).

ST. GEORGE: Michael Friger — George Harris, Doug Utjesenovic, Rudolfo Della Picca, Robert O'Shea — Tom Mihajlovic, Peter Katholos, John O'Shea — Roy Cotton (Peter Hensman), Nick Fenoughty, Phil O'Connor.

The referee was Chris Bambridge of Victoria.

Rasic continues: "Phil O'Connor, the St. George winger, was in brilliant form, and Peter Katholos and John O'Shea dominated the midfield from the start, with the result that St. George stormed to a 2-0 lead with goals by O'Connor and John O'Shea in the space of 48 minutes. At half time, when we trailed by only one goal, I did not really think we would lose, but after the second I began to worry."

"We rarely were able to break through because Della Picca was doing a brilliant job of marking our key forward, John Nyskohus. So I decided to bring on big Jim Muir as a forward, to draw Della Picca away from Nyskohus. It worked perfectly and Nyskohus found the space to score only three minutes after Muir had come on."

"Then John's brother Bugsy moved up from defence to give John a hand. They played a neat one-two before Bugsy scored the equaliser with 25 minutes to go. It was 2-2 — anyone's game. Time ticked away. Twenty minutes to go, 15... Then bang a goal. Adelaide City was in front. Brian Northcote had made an opening and John Nyskohus had rifled the ball past goalkeeper Fenoughty to put us ahead 3-2. We had come from behind to win the Phillips Cup."

"The day belonged to the Nyskohus brothers, the match-winners who scored all three goals between them. Having spent most of their careers with a relatively unsuccessful club, Lion, before joining Adelaide City, they were determined not to let this opportunity pass them by. The Adelaide fans still are talking about the day the Nyskohus brothers destroyed St. George."

"I wonder whether we can claim a world record for having two brothers scoring all three goals in a Cup final, or for a cup final featuring two sets of brothers (Nyskohus and O'Shea)."

Looking at the Phillips League, Rasic pinpoints a number of problems which he believes the league may never be able to overcome:

- The huge cost of air fares expected to be about \$850,000 this year, which can be met consistently only through sponsorship money;
- Compared with State Leagues, the PSL deprives fans of seeing their particular club every week;
- Being outside the normal promotion-relegation framework, the PSL is to an extent cut from the rest of soccer which consequently does not support the PSL as it should;
- The PSL suffers from the fact that other leagues, particularly junior, play at the same time as PSL matches, which means that crowds are segmented rather than concentrated at the big matches;
- Administration and promotion of the league plus the day-to-day handling of fixtures and venues have left a lot to be desired.

"Taking the broad view," says Rasic, "It probably is true that the Australian soccer set-up was changed too abruptly with the introduction of the PSL in 1977. Perhaps we should have had regional leagues to start off with, as they having in the U.S. and Brazil, with national play-offs at the end of the season. If the PSL does collapse because of costs, regional leagues probably would take its place."



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Rasic chats with Franz Beckenbauer during the New York Cosmos' visit in 1979. Cosmos played against Adelaide City, the club Rasic was coaching at the time. Cosmos return for a game against Victoria on October 17.

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TASMANIAN SCENE

By WALTER PLESS

A double to University



University of Tasmania: Back row (Left to Right): Miller, Galsdies, Broadhouse, Jenkins, Cruse, McIlwain, Hargrave, Courts (Coach). Front row: Robinson, Crowther, Pilkington, Sloan.

UNIVERSITY 2 (Harrison 46, Crowther 65) TAROONA 1 (Baker 11) HT: 0-1 ATT: 300 REF: F. Wilcox

UNIVERSITY: Cruse-Sloane, Hargrave, Jenkins, Pilkington, Broadhouse, Crowther, McIlwain, Galsdies, Shearman (Miller 89), Robinson.

TAROONA: Ken Barker-Hughes, Kelly, Hanna, George-Harrison, Baker, Bishop-Kim Barker (C. Ross 78), Shearman, B. Ross (Robinson 66).

University completed the league and cup double of the Rothmans First Division competition in southern Tasmania with this cup final win over Taroona at Grove Road. The students will need to take a serious look at their manpower, however, if they are to do well in next season's State League, judging from the evening's performance.

All the goals were somewhat bizarre. Baker's, which put Taroona ahead, was struck from 30 metres. The ball swerved, dipped and bounced in flight and it was no wonder that Cruse could not get his touch behind it. He got a brief touch before it carried on into the net.

Less than a minute into the second half, Harrison, under pressure from the speedy Shearman, hit a 40 metre pass back to his own goal.

Less than a minute into the second half, Harrison, under pressure from the speedy

Shearman, hit a 40 metre pass back to his own goalkeeper, or so he thought. Barker had come off his line and could only watch in horror as the ball sped past him for the equalizer.

Harrison's ill-luck did not stop there. Crowther's free kick in the 65th minute sought him out in the Taroona 'wall' and, deflected wickedly off the youngster's shoulder, the ball

flew high into the net for University's winner.

The goal was awarded to Crowther and no-one deserved it more. He had teased and tormented the Taroona defence all night with his superb control and acceleration. He is just the type of player that University will need next year if their promotion is to be more than an academic exercise.

WARD TOP SCORER



Bruce Ward (left) of Juventus-Pioneer, top scorer in the Cadbury State League (South) with 29 goals, receives his trophy from Mr Ted Best, the manager of Cadbury's Claremont plant.



Launceston-Juventus, State League North and North-west runner-up and Ampol Cup semi-finalists: Back row: Kent (Coach), Dennis, Wesson, Savill, Corbett, Hoop, Homsley, Bessell, Boal, Joss, Wesson (Manager). Front row: Official, Tantari, Sawdon, Hodge, Burden, Butler, Iasiello.



Ulverstone Soccer Club (Tasmanian State League, North and North-west), Ampol Cup finalist and fourth in the League. Back row: J. Compagne Sr. (Manager), Sugden, Foote, M. Koch, P. Shegog, J. Compagne Jr., Saunders, Fisher, Salleso, Jones, Klaus (Coach). Front row: Monagle, Ron Smith, Di Felice, R. Koch, Howe, Rob Smith.

THE TWO BIG FINALS

RAPID 4 (Oakes 45, S. Kanneglesser 72, Crosson 80, Blake 85) JUVENTUS 0, final four series final. HT: 1-0 ATT: 1000 Ref: N. Johnson

RAPID: Craven—Fletcher, Kelly (Thompson 84), Charlton, Nunn—Blake, Crosson, S. Kanneglesser, Nikola—Oakes, Smith.

ULVERSTONE 1 (Ron Smith 108th), Ampol Cup final (replay necessary). Venue: South Hobart HT: 0-0 ATT: 1000 Ref: J. Johnston.

JUVENTUS: Jones—Collins, Cochrane, Di Martino, Pears—Lapolla, Young, Pace (Genovesi 87), Darko—Ward, Macallini (Brine 56).

ULVERSTONE: Rob Smith—Ron Smith, Jones, Koch, Shegog—Foote, Sugden, Monagle—Salleso (Koch 102), Compagne (Sawdon 102), Di

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ΑΠΟ ΤΟ ΣΗΜΕΙΟ ΤΟΥ ΠΕΝΑΛΤΥ

Ο ΧΟΡΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΠΙΘΕΣΗΣ ΠΟΝΤΙΩΝ

Η πρωταθλήτρια της Γ' κατηγορίας το 'Ι ντάστριαλ Λήγκ 'Ενωση Ποντίων, το Σάββατο 9-10-82 έδωσε τον έφησο χορό της στο 'Ε μπασου Ρεσέβιον. Κατά την διάρκεια της βραδιάς θα γίνει και η άπονομή των άνωμαστικών έπαθλων στους παίκτες που πήραν δίκαια τον τίτλο του πρωταθλήματος.

ΟΙ ΠΑΛΑΙΜΑΧΟΙ ΤΗΣ ΚΛΑΡΙΝΤΑΣ

Άρχισαν την δράση τους οι παλαιμαχοί της Κλαρίντας και φυσικά τους άγαντες και τις προπονήσεις. Ετόν πρώτο τους άγωνα νίκησαν την αντίστοιχη του Μορντιάλλου με 7-0. Είτε 9-10-82 παίρνουν με τον Πανσερραϊκό και στις 16-10-82 με την Β' ομάδα της Κλαρίντας.

ΟΙ ΝΙΚΗΤΕΣ ΤΗΣ ΔΕΣΑΣ ΧΟΡΕΩΝ

Το Σάββατο 9-10-82 τα Ήρωια της Δέσας Γιάρραβιλ δίδουν τον έφησο χορό τους στην αίθουσα δεξιάσεων του σχολείου του θρόνου της Γιάρραβιλ. Κατά την διάρκεια της βραδιάς θα γίνει και η άπονομή των άνωμαστικών έπαθλων στους μικρούς άσους του συλλόγου ως επίσης και στους προπονητές.

Οι φίλοι της πρωταθλήτριας Γιάρραβιλ πιστεύεται ότι θα δώσουν έντονο το παρόν και θα περάσουν μία εύχρηστη βραδιά.

ΑΝΤΑΚΑΤΟΕ Ο Κ. ΑΝΕΞΑΚΗ

Ο κ. Αλεξάνδρας 'Ανεξάκης ο γενικός αρχηγός της 'Ελλάς Μελοβόρνης που για 6 έτη κληρονομία κρήνης, το πόστο αυτό με απόλυτη επιτυχία, ως γνωστό πριν λίγες μέρες έθλασε με τηλεγράφημα που έστειλε στον πρόεδρο κ. Παπαδόπουλο, ότι παραιτείται από την θέση αυτή. Μερικές προφορικές συζητήσεις που έγιναν από παράγοντες της 'Ελλάς, όπως ο φιλότιμος γενικός αρχηγός παραμένει, δεν καρποφόρησαν και όπως μας είπε ο ίδιος ο κ. Αλεξάκης δεν πρόκειται να ξαναπερυνται με την διοίκηση του συλλόγου, θα παραμένει όμως θερμός υποστηρικτής της 'Ελλάς.

Ίσως τώρα που θα είναι μακριά ο κορυφαίος αυτός παρτίων να τον θυμωθούν πολλοί και να σκεφθούν τις άρες που είχε αφιερώσει στον σύλλογο. Είμαστε δε βέβαιοι ότι η 'Ελλάς θα αντιμτωπίσει προκλητικά με το ποίος θα συνοδεύει την ομάδα στα έγκριτα έξοδα παιχνιδιά της.

Γιατί δεν είναι μόνο η εργασία του κάθε παράγοντα που πρέπει να την άσπινει. Δεν είναι 'όχι να μπορεί από την οικονομική του να βρσκειται έκτος Μελοβόρνης 'ελλά είναι και το χέρι που θα πρέπει να βάζει στην τσέπη για πολλά (πράγματι πολλά) μικροέξοδα που δεν να δικαιολογεί ο σύλλογος και που ο κ. 'Ανεξάκης τα κληρονομεί.

Συγκεκριμένα ο γράφων θυμάται μία περίπτωση με την 'Ελλάς όταν κάποιος που είχε συνοδεύσει την ομάδα έκτος έξοδα αντί του κ. Ανεξάκη... μετά βλαστημώσε την άρα και την στιγμή που πήγε να ζήσει γιατί είχε δώσει τελικά από την τσέπη του για κεράματα παιχνιδιών και καί... 300 δολάρια...

Νά γιατί λέμε από τώρα ότι θα όπρξει με γέλο πρόβλημα στο πόστο αυτό της 'Ελλάς στην νέα σαιζόν.

ΚΑΙ ΉΝΑ ΚΑΥΤΟ ΘΕΜΑ

Όλα τα στοιχεία που θα αναφέρουμε πιά κάτω είναι ανεπίσημα φυσικά έλλά πρέπει

να αναφερόμε λίγο στα κοιά αυτά που ζοδεύτηκαν και ζοδεύονται από τους ύπερ-θύνους της 'Ελλάς.

Πά αναφέρουμε δε για να θυμίσουμε σ' αυτούς που έφταναν τον Γιαννέλο πιά έκαναν λάθος και συνέχισαν να κάνουν λάθος και μάλιστα χοντρά. Μά 18.000 δολάρια ήταν ο Γιαννέλος για όλη την σαιζόν και ο άνθρωπος τους έκανε μολογουμένως καλή δουλειά και αν η ομάδα είχε πάρει την κατηγορία δεν έπαιγε μόνον αυτός έλλά και πολλοί μέσα από το Δ. Συμβούλιο που ήθελαν να τον πάρουν το καράκι όπως φυσικά και το πήραν με την διαφορά ότι από τότε έχουν φάει το δικό τους κεφάλι.

Πρώτο και χοντρά λάθος ο άκριτοπληρωμένος 'μάγος' Ντόχερτυ που με 1000 δολάρια την βδομάδα δεν προσέφερε τίποτα στον σύλλογο και είμαστε σίγουροι ότι και με τον Γιαννέλο θα κέρριζε η 'Ελλάς αυτά τα παιχνιδία που την ανέβασαν στον βαυμολογικό πύνανα.

Θά πιά κέρριζε πιά όμως; Όταν μερικοί (τους ξέρουμε) παρόντες της 'Ελλάς ήταν πιά σωστοί και πιά δίκαιοι και δεν τα έβραζαν με τον Γιαννέλο.

Άς μή ξεχνάμε ότι ο όποιοσδήποτε τεχνικός άμα δεν έχει την βοήθεια του Δ. Συμβούλου, σίγουρα άποτυγχάνει. 'Ετσι έγινε και με τον έλληνα τεχνικό που τέν έφταναν οι μερικοί της 'Ελλάς οι όποιοι έφταναν - έτσι έλεγαν - τον Ντόχερτυ για να τους φέρει κόσμο στο γήπεδο...

Και ο Ντόχερτυ όχι μόνο δεν τους έφερε κόσμο στο γήπεδο για να γεμίσουν το ταμείο τους έλλά τους έδειασσε το ταμείο και στο τέλος τους παρήκτισε κι' όλα για να πιά στο Σόδνευ.

Αυτή ήταν και η μεγαλύτερη τιμωρία που μπορούσε να γίνει σ' αυτούς που είχαν φάει τον Γιαννέλο.

Αναφερόμαστε σε όλα αυτά και στον Γιαννέλο όχι για να τον ύποστηρίζουμε έλλά γιατί είναι η αλήθεια αυτή. Καί έρχόμαστε στην τωρινή περίπτωση που άπ' ότι βλέπουμε τά λάθη συνεχίζονται και μάλιστα χοντρά.

Προτιμήθηκε ο Ξάων για προπονητής στην κιανέλευκα και μάλιστα για δύο χρόνια. Δεν άμφοισθησε την άζια του Γιουγκοσλάβου τεχνικού έλλά θα θέλαμε να μάθουμε ποιά ομάδα ανέλαβε και που την τελείωσε; Ποιές οι περιγραφές του; Ποιά η επιτυχία του;

Αυστηρά καμμία, έκτος από έκλειψη της 'Εθ νικής Αυστραλίας.

Μάθαμε ότι ο νέος μπόσης της 'Ελλάς θα παίρνει 35.000 δολάρια τον χρόνο. Μάθαμε ότι στην Γιουβέντιν στο 'Αντελά γυι είχε κάνει τρομερά έξοδα που άκμνη ζορλάει ο σύλλογος.

Μάθαμε ότι κάνει κλίκες με τους παίκτες και ότι θα ζητήσει από την 'Ελλάς ένα μεγάλο χρηματικό ποσό για αγορά παικτών. Όλα αυτά βέβαια τά γράφουμε με έπιφύλαξη και θα θέλαμε να γογομε μία μέρα φούτες έλλά πολύ φοβόμαστε ότι σε κάτι κέρια σημεία θα γογομε άληθοι και τότε θα τά ξανακούμε όχι με τον προπονητή της 'Ελλάς έλλά με τους μερικούς παρτίων ντες οι όποιοι μετά από τό πάθημα τους με τον Ντόχερτυ και μετά την άπώλεια του Γούντιν (αλήθεια που βρσκειται;) συνεχίζουν να βρσκονται μέσα στον σύλλογο και να καρπορεύουν.

Έριμα και μόνο κέρια. Στο κάτω - κάτω παρτίων κι' έλλοι άνθρωποι που μπορούν να βοηθήσουν και μάλιστα πολύ γινωρίζουν και κάτι από ποδόσφαιρο....

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POSLEDNJA SANSA
Sa istom lakomom, kojom je osvojio prvenstvo, AJAX je osvojio Kup četvorce u Melburnu. CROATIA je prvi put igrala podrjednu ulogu. Završila je posljednja, što je najveće razočarenje za brojne navijače. Ostala je još jedna prilika za rehabilitaciju Croatije, koja se u nedjelju 10. oktobra sastaje sa Frankston City-om na Olympic Parku u četvrtfinalu Dockerty Kupa. U predigri igraju Falcons i Croydon City, dok se na igralistu Ajaksa u Green Gully-u sastaju: Juventus u Doveton i Albion Rovers v Ajax.

Sa Dockerty Kupom završava se fudbalska sezona u Viktoriji. Vrhunac je gostovanja Cosmosa, koji igra protiv reprezentacije Viktorije u nedjelju 17. oktobra na Olympic Parku.

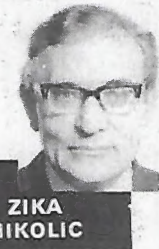
OSTALE KUP UTAKMICE: BRUNSWICK CITY-HAWKS 4:2 (1:1). Igraci Hawksburna su zaboravili da utakmica traje 90 minuta, što ih je koštao kupo. Kada su u 61. minutu povelu sa 2:1, pomislili su da je sve gotovo i uspa-

ran ovakvim postupkom uprave JUST-a. Sastav rezerve Pelistera, koja je ispala iz Kupa: Puljivic, V. Tilovski, Milevski, Colakovski, Z. Dimovski, Babot, Angelovski, Perdevski, A. Dimovski, Tasovski, G. Tilovski. U subotu 23. oktobra PELISTER održava Presentation Night u Rob Street-u, Preston. Ulaz 15 dolara (uključena hrana i pice).

AMATERSKI KUP
U predigri je rezervna Hajduka osvojila kup, posto je pobedila F.K. Bosnu sa 4:2 (2:0).

Glavna utakmica nije odigrana, jer je Amaterski savez pokušao da promeni odluku pod pritiskom uprave Hajduka. Pre toga je Bruno Aleksić pisano obavestio da ima pravo nastupa, iako je pod suspenzijom. Na igralistu je to odluka oporena, što je revoluiralo igrače Bosne, koji nisu hteli da nastupe bez Aleksika. Za sada se ne zna šta će biti sa finalnom utakmicom za Amaterski kup Melburna.

PRIJATELJSKA UTAKMICA
Na igralistu Vojvodine u Al-



ZIKA NIKOLIC

zvezdu sa 2:1 (0:1). Strelci: Adam Miller i Veljko Dupor za Vojvodinu, Jorgo Gagic za Zvezdu.

U predigri rezervna Vojvodine pobedila je Zvezdu sa 3:1. Zvezda dalje trenira na Como Parku, iako je trener Bosko Djordjevic otišao na odmor u Jugoslaviju, gde će se zadržati sedam nedelja. Pored ucesca na JUST-ovom turniru, Zvezda gostuje u Wodong 17. oktobra i Adelaidi 27. novembra.

Juniori JUST-a ispod 16 godina igraju protiv Brightona na igralistu Wodong 17. novembra.



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